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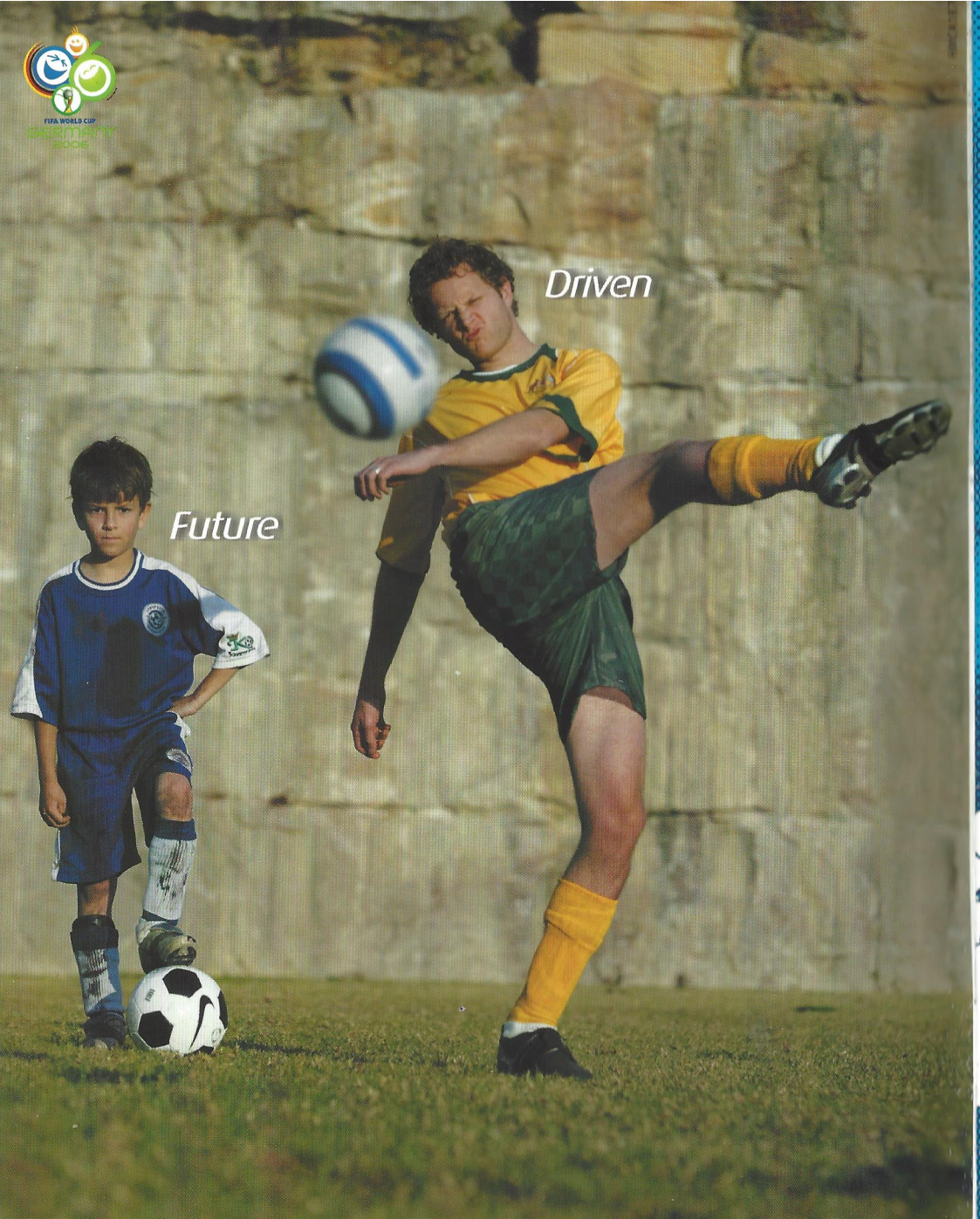

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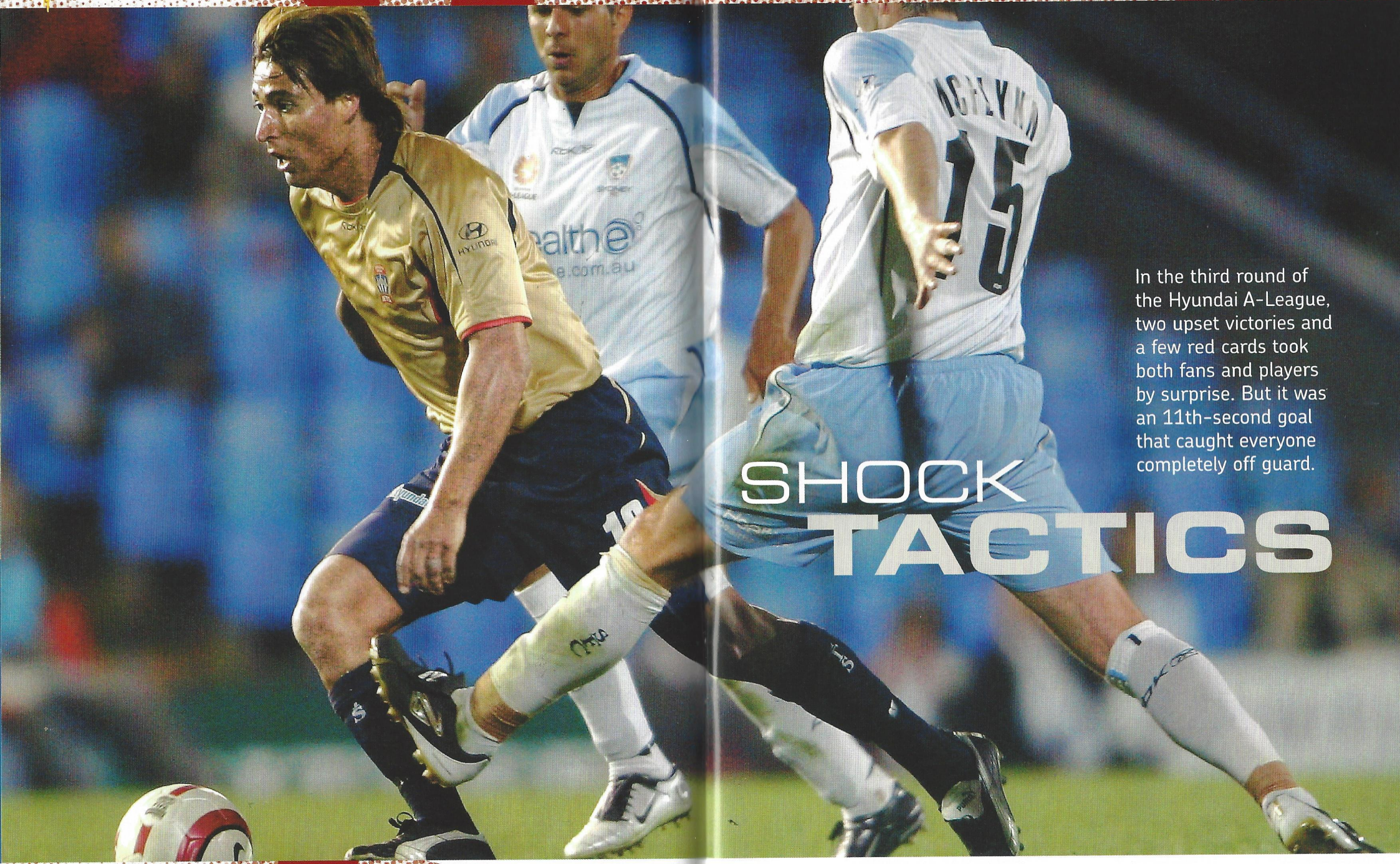


SHOCK TACTICS

In the third round of the Hyundai A-League, two upset victories and a few red cards took both fans and players by surprise. But it was an 11th-second goal that caught everyone completely off guard.

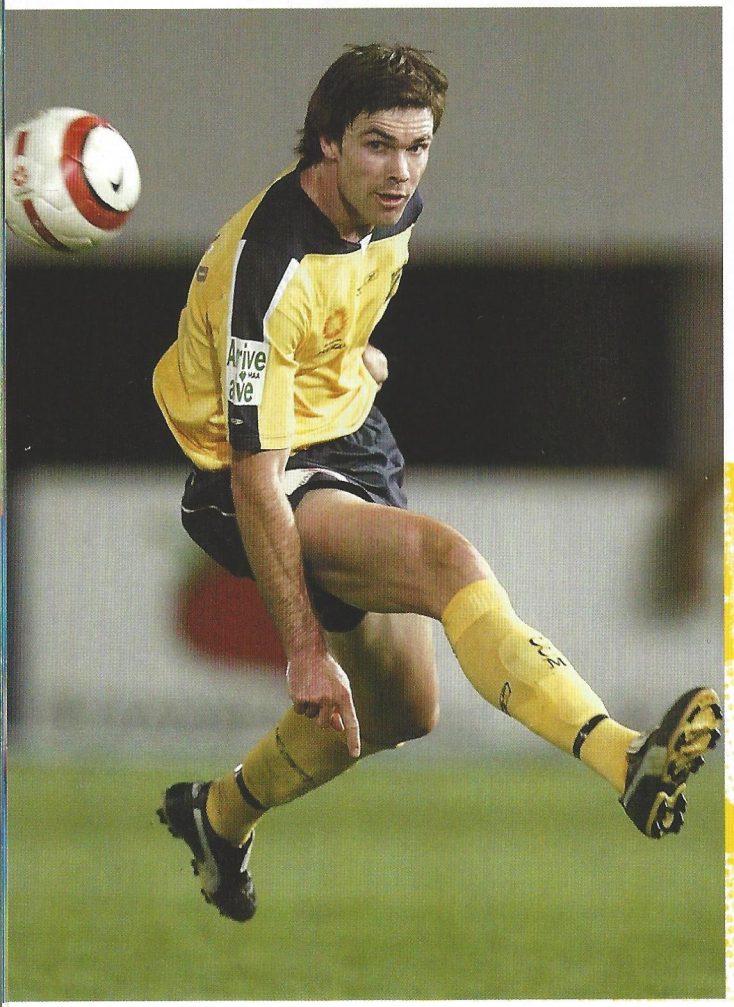
Newcastle, Perth and the New Zealand Knights' first victories ensured that Melbourne Victory remains the only team without a win, while Adelaide retained their unbeaten record and shot three points clear at the top of the table as round three of the Hyundai A-League came to a conclusion.

Perth Glory's Bobby Despotovski, scoring both goals in the Glory's 2-1 win over Queensland Roar, went to the top of the Hyundai A-League goalscorers' list, now having notched up three goals in three matches.

Hot on his heels come Newcastle Jets' Ante Milicic and Sydney FC's Dwight Yorke, both on target in the Jets' 2-1 win over the competition's glamour team at EnergyAustralia Stadium in the last fixture of the round.

The duo, two of the Hyundai A-League's most feared frontmen, have been on target twice this season. In fact, Yorke has scored in the two games he has played, quickly cementing his position as a favourite with Sydney supporters.

Adelaide created history when Carl Veart became the Hyundai A-League's first-ever scorer after he netted what turned out to be their winning goal in the 1-0 round one triumph in Newcastle three weeks ago. The team created history again in the opening match of round three,



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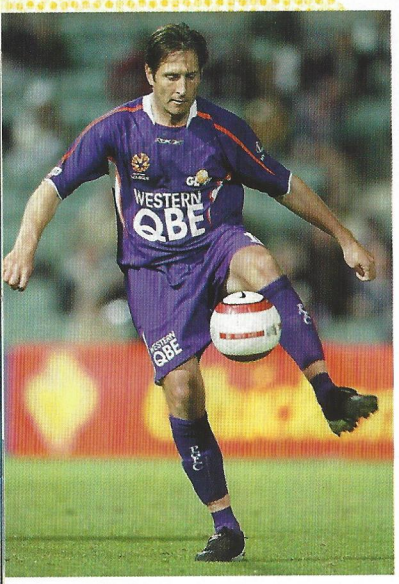
This page: Central Coast's Michael Beauchamp in action against the New Zealand Knights.

Opposite page: Ronnie Bull and Steve Fitzsimmons of the New Zealand Knights celebrate their victory over the Central Coast Mariners.



Perth Glory's Bobby Despotovski on his way to scoring two goals against Queensland Roar.

when winger Louis Brain scored in just 11 seconds against Melbourne Victory, sending nearly 9,000 home fans wild with delight. It was, needless to say, the competition's fastest goal, a record that is likely to stand for a considerable time.

The goal stunned Victory, but it was Adelaide and the Hindmarsh faithful who were themselves stunned 15 minutes later when defender Richie Alagich was shown a straight red card for a heavy challenge on Melbourne's Steve Pantelidis. John Kosmina's team, one of the league's strongest defensive units, was forced to regroup and did so with aplomb.

Adelaide's 10 men funnelled back behind the ball, closed down space in midfield and never allowed a Melbourne side lacking in invention either the time or opportunity to carve them open. In the end, they posted a backs-to-the-wall 1-0 victory that Kosmina said spoke volumes about the character and attitude of the players in a team that many had written off as contenders before the season even started.

Central Coast Mariners went into their home game against New Zealand Knights as red-hot favourites. It was hardly surprising; the Mariners had won the pre-season Cup, beaten the Knights in NZ and are still unbeaten with a win and a draw.

But the Kiwis turned the form guide upside when they produced the first big surprise of the season; two late goals from Simon Yeo and Sean Devine ensured they returned to Auckland with their first win under their belt.

They had goalkeeper Danny Milosevic, the ex-Perth Glory and Olyroos keeper, to thank for keeping their opponents scoreless. He produced a number of good saves to give the Knights their first clean sheet of the season.

Perth were still looking for their first win of the season when they took to the field against the impressive Queensland at Members Equity Stadium. By the end of the night the Glory had got back on to the winners' list and ended the Roar's unbeaten start to the campaign after winning 2-1.

Steve McMahon's Glory had shown they were coming into form in their 2-2 draw in Melbourne, and it was evergreen striker Bobby Despotovski who once again did the damage with two second-half goals. He could have had a hat-trick had he not missed a penalty.

However, this was no walk in the park for Perth, and Queensland will feel they could have got something out of the game as reward for the pressure they put on the Glory defence. Warren Moon's goal in the 77th minute ensured a tense close for the home fans.

Newcastle appear to have shrugged off their sluggish start to the season. Their 2-1 win over Sydney has given them their first victory over a team many regard as championship favourites. Ante Milicic, who missed most of the pre-season, is finding a nice vein of form and gave them an early lead. The advantage was doubled before the break by ex-English Premier League player Richard Johnson's strike, but they too endured a torrid final 15 minutes after Yorke pulled one back for Sydney. Both sides finished with ten men after Sydney's Steve Corica and Jets Uruguayan defender Mateo Corbo were sent off.

Friday, September 16
SYDNEY FC VS CENTRAL COAST MARINERS
Aussie Stadium, Sydney

The action gets underway on Friday night with another local NSW derby when Sydney hosts Central Coast. Both teams are coming off a loss and will be keen not to go down two weeks in a row. Dwight Yorke had only been back in the country for 24 hours when he came off the bench to almost rescue Sydney in Newcastle, and he will be sharper and fitter with a week's rest behind him.

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Kristian Sarkies of Melbourne Victory tests his speed against Adelaide United.

been muted – it has only scored twice in its three matches – but Sydney's defence has conceded goals in every game so far this season, so the Mariners will feel they have a chance to get on the scoresheet. The Mariners have missed Tommy Pondeljak with a hamstring injury, and their prospects will be improved when he returns to the team.

Saturday, September 17

PERTH GLORY VS ADELAIDE UNITED

Members Equity Stadium, Perth

Adelaide, now three points clear at the top of the table, head to Perth for a Saturday night match this weekend that will pit two of the more physically intimidating teams in the competition against each other. With Perth playing their third home game in four weeks, coach Steve McMahon knows how vital it will be to maximise home advantage and pick up all three points. The Glory slipped up at home against Central Coast in round one, and know they can ill afford to do so again.

Big English striker Brian Deane will provide a formidable aerial threat, and Adelaide's central defensive duo of Kristian Rees and Michael Valkanis will not have encountered many players like him in Australia. But these two are big, strong players who, along with defensive midfielder Angelo Costanzo, will relish the physical challenge.

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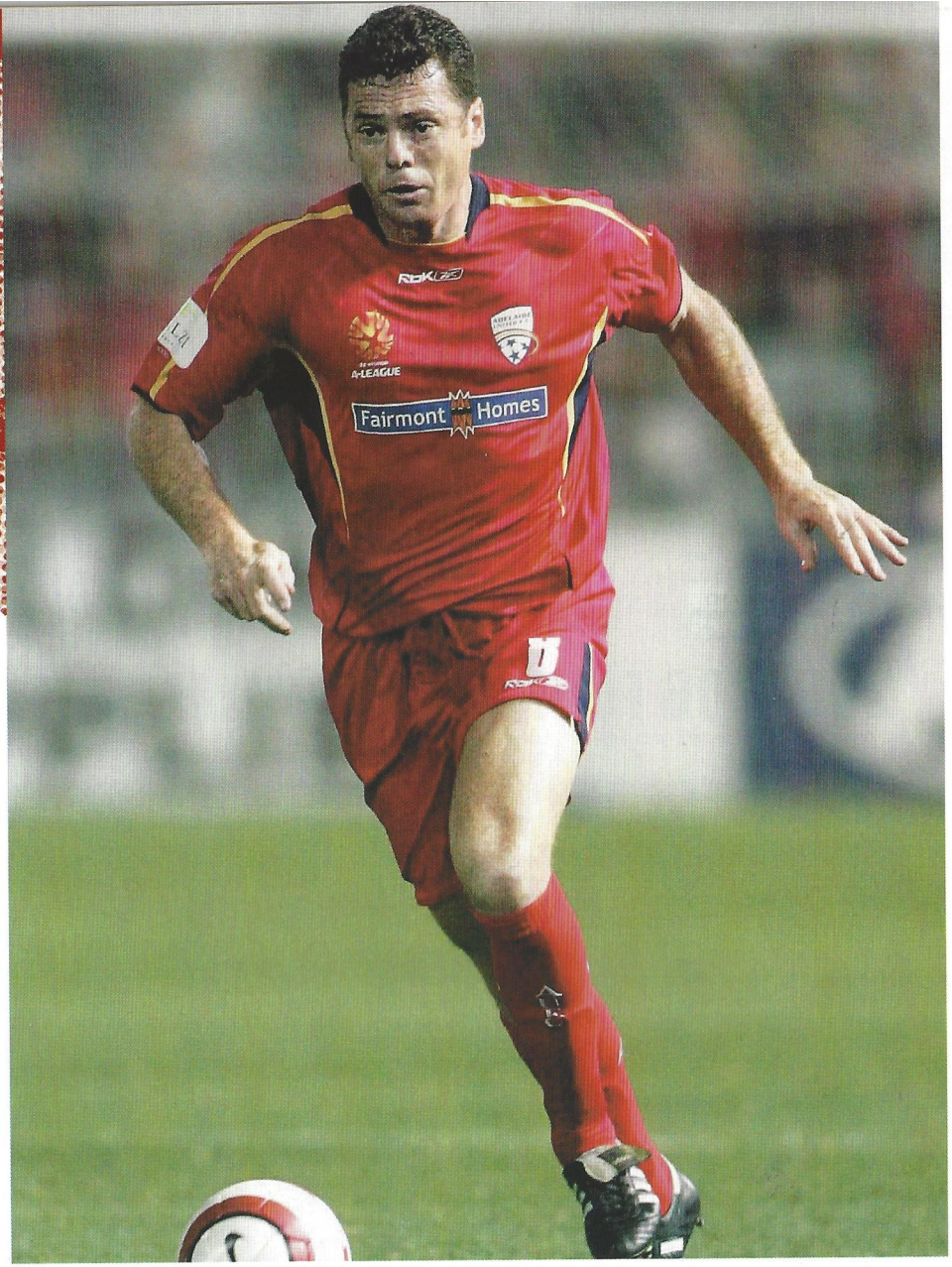

Carl Veart of Adelaide United on his way to an 11th-second goal against Melbourne Victory.

Adelaide's lightning-fast striker Travis Dodd injured a hamstring in the win over Melbourne and is an injury concern. Perth's veteran sharpshooter Bobby Despotovski is in hot form and could prove the difference if given an inch of space.

Sunday, September 18
QUEENSLAND ROAR VS MELBOURNE VICTORY
Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Queensland Roar and Melbourne Victory are two other teams who are both looking to bounce back from defeats in what should be a

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fast-paced and entertaining match at Suncorp Stadium. Queensland coach Miron Bleiberg and Victory boss Ernie Merrick have both punted on a lot of young players in their squads, and many lining up on Sunday will be familiar with each other from recent Australian under-20 teams.

The Roar has two ex-Melbourne players on their roster, midfielder Massimo Murdocca and defender Spase Dilevski, who were both considered but rejected by Victory. This pair will be especially keen to put one over on their hometown club. Strikers Alex Brosque and Michael Baird are forging a dynamic partnership, and Victory will have to work hard to shut down the Roar's midfielders.

Victory is the only team without a win but is, by common consensus, one of the most talented squads in the league. If Archie Thompson, lethargic against Adelaide, can hit his straps, the Roar defence will be in for a busy afternoon. Daniel Allsopp and Andy Vlahos, both missing against Adelaide, will return to the squad.

Sunday, September 18
NEWCASTLE JETS VS NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS
EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle

In contrast, Newcastle and the NZ Knights, who wrap up the round on Sunday evening, are both in hot form after posting their first wins last week. The Kiwis belied their easy-beats tag with the win over the Mariners and, with that victory under their belt, they have given themselves every chance of getting a result in the Hunter Valley. They will, however, need to be very careful handling Milicic; Nick Carle's trickery always presents a threat; and Richard Johnson's hard running in midfield will make him a difficult player to match up on.

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Scott Higgins of Queensland Roar repels an attack by Perth Glory.

HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE – ROUND 3 REVIEW

NEWCASTLE JETS 2 (Ante Milicic 6', R Johnson 18') **SYDNEY FC 1** (Dwight Yorke 78') Crowd: 9127
ADELAIDE UNITED 1 (Louis Brain 1') **MELBOURNE VICTORY 0** Crowd: 8785
NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS 2 (Simon Yeo 69' Sean Devine 79') **CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 0** Crowd: 5231
PERTH GLORY 2 (Bobby Despotovski 54' 72') **QUEENSLAND ROAR 1** (Warren Moon 77') Crowd: 8509

TABLE

	Played	Win	Draw	Loss	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Adelaide United	3	2	1	0	2	0	+2	7
Sydney FC	3	1	1	1	5	4	+1	4
Queensland Roar	3	1	1	1	3	2	+1	4
Perth Glory	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
Newcastle Jets	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
Central Coast Mariners	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	4
New Zealand Knights	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
Melbourne Victory	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2

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Goals		Goal Assists		Fouls Conceded		Tackles	
Bobby Despotovski (PG)	3	Nick Carle (NUJ)	3	Stewart Petrie (CCM)	14	Steve Pantelidis (MV)	20
Ante Milicic (NUJ)	2	Simon Colosimo (PG)	2	Ross Aloisi (AU)	12	Kevin Muscat (MV)	19
Dwight Yorke (SFC)	2	Ross Aloisi (AU)	1	Billy Celeski (PG)	10	Angelo Costanzo (AU)	18
Michael Baird (QR)	1	Michael Baird (QR)	1	Sean Devine (NZK)	10	Carl Recchia (MV)	17
Matthew Bingley (SFC)	1	David Carney (SFC)	1	Steve Pantelidis (MV)	10	Geoffrey Claeys (MV)	15
Louis Brain (AU)	1	Ben Collett (NZK)	1	Carl Veart (AU)	10	Simon Colosimo (PG)	13
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Richard Kitzbichler (MV)	1						
Robbie Middleby (SFC)	1						
Warren Moon (QR)	1						
Kevin Muscat (MV)	1						
Stewart Petrie (CCM)	1						
Joshua Rose (NZK)	1						
Mark Rudan (SFC)	1						
Noel Spencer (CCM)	1						
Archie Thompson (MV)	1						
Carl Veart (AU)	1						
Simon Yeo (NZK)	1						

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Sydney	5	Glory	4	Victory	117
Glory	4	Jets	4	Adelaide	99
Jets	3	Knights	4	Knights	98
Knights	3	Sydney	4	Sydney	81
Roar	3	Mariners	2	Glory	79
Victory	3	Victory	2	Roar	72
Adelaide	2	Adelaide	1	Jets	65
Mariners	2	Roar	1	Mariners	62

SLATER SAYS
WITH ROBBIE SLATER

LOCAL HEROES

A wealth of new homegrown talent is making its presence felt on pitches around the country.

The Hyundai A-League is now in full swing and it is becoming clear that picking the top side is virtually impossible. John Kosmina's Adelaide United is sitting pretty on top of the league, despite predictions it would struggle early on. But one noticeable characteristic so far is the number of young Australian players that are impressing across the league.

Before the start of the season there was obvious excitement about both the number of Australian players returning from European football and the arrival of Dwight Yorke and Brian Deane, so it isn't surprising that a number of younger Australian players slipped under the radar. But, with style, speed, skill, and determination, a number of Australian players have caught my eye in the first three weeks of the Hyundai A-League season.

Inspiration for this week's column was provided by Nick Carle's performance for Newcastle last weekend, where he tore strips off Sydney FC. On a pitch that sported returning star Ned Zelic and imported legend Dwight Yorke, it was Carle who stood out. In addition, the performance of Jade North was also dynamic, and it immediately made me think of other players that are emerging as stars in the Hyundai A-League.

For Queensland, Jonathan Richter and Alex Brosque have dazzled. Melbourne Victory's reputation as an young, exciting team has been rightfully earned. Kristian Sarkies and Adrian Leijer have been outstanding for the team, particularly Sarkies, who has benefited greatly from his experience in Australia's Qantas Young Socceroos set-up.

One really enjoyable success story for me is that of Alex Wilkinson at the Central Coast Mariners. I was fortunate enough to coach Alex briefly when he was 18. His performances in the Hyundai A-League have been especially pleasing. Drifting back to last week's column about football heroes, Alex is a level-headed bloke who provides kids across the Central Coast region with an ideal role model. Add Michael Beauchamp to the equation and it is clear to see why the Mariners are a force to be reckoned with.

Other players that have caught my eye are Iain Fyfe and David Carney at Sydney FC, Chad Bugeja of Adelaide United and, although he is an established player, Simon Colosimo has been excellent for Perth Glory. Finally, Josh Maguire – who was plying his trade with Blacktown City Demons in the NSW Premier League – has impressed for the New Zealand Knights.

The most encouraging thing of all is that the standard of competition is good enough to challenge and develop our most talented young players. Instead of having to fly the nest and move to Europe, Australian players can now showcase their skills in their own backyard. It has been a long time coming, and if we continue to follow and encourage Australia's best young players, the Hyundai A-League will keep providing us with the spectacle that has consumed my past three weekends.

Enjoy the football, wherever you are, and I will see you next week.

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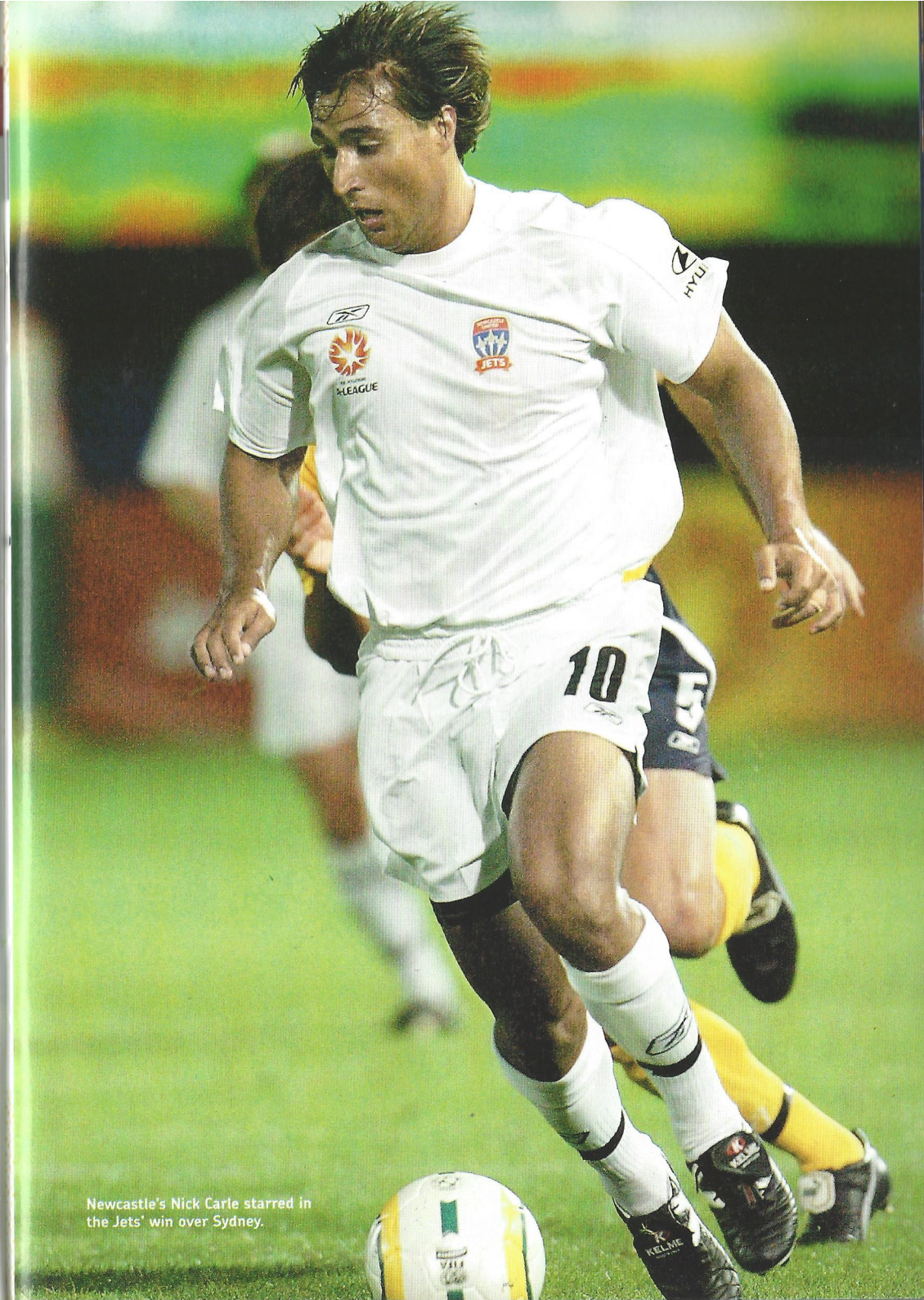

Newcastle's Nick Carle starred in the Jets' win over Sydney.

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MERCURY RISING

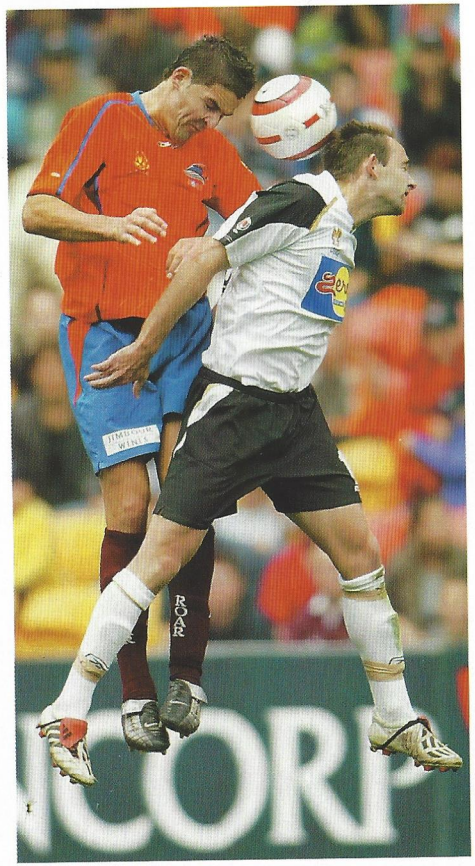
Going from the cool climes of Switzerland to the heat of Queensland is a big change, but 'Big Swiss' Remo Buess is making the temperature rise on his own.

It was a baptism of fire, or close to it, for Queensland Roar's Remo Buess when he trialled for the team in 40C heat, just days after leaving his native Switzerland and a not so balmy -10C.

Buess was desperate to impress and almost collapsed in the Queensland summer, but he performed well enough to show coach Miron Bleiberg he was worth another chance.

"I could see he was a quality player, but his honesty and self confidence was probably what showed me he would be good for the team," Bleiberg says.

Buess played again a few days later in another trial match, this time on a cool evening in drizzling rain. His experience shone in the twilight and Roar captain Chad Gibson implored Bleiberg to sign 'Big Swiss' Buess.



Remo Buess takes on a New Zealand Knights attack in the first round of the Hyundai A-League. Getty Images

At more than 190cm and about 95kg, Buess provides muscle and aerial power. As a naturally left-sided player, completes a formidable defensive line-up led by Gibson.

Buess has also added pace to the Roar backline. In pre-season fitness assessments he finished equal top in the squad over the first five metres with striker Jonathon Richter. It's invaluable speed when trying to counter an attack.

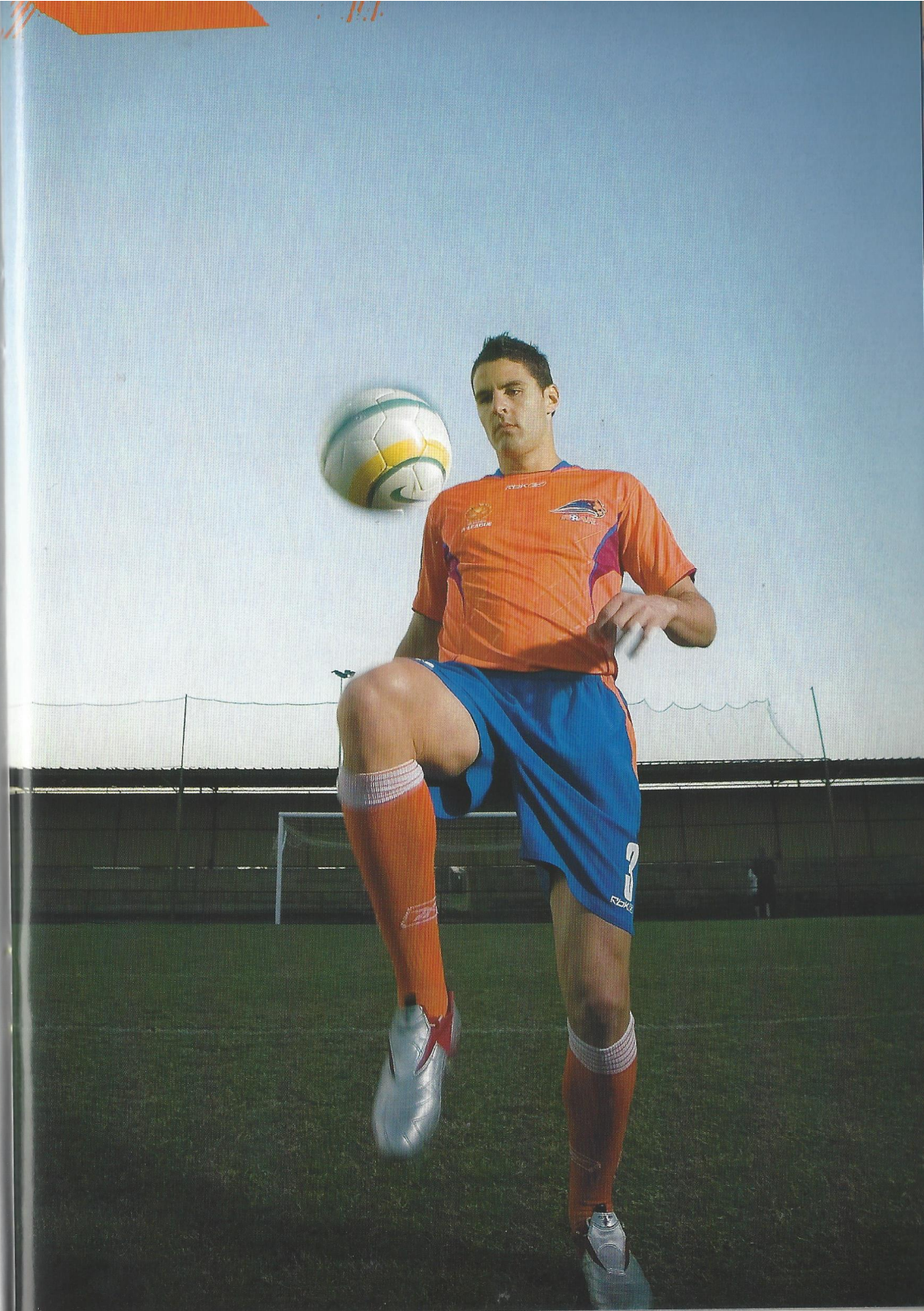
The Roar placed an emphasis on fitness during the pre-season with both pace and endurance high on the agenda of Bleiberg, physio Tony Ganter and assistant coach Rado Vidosic.

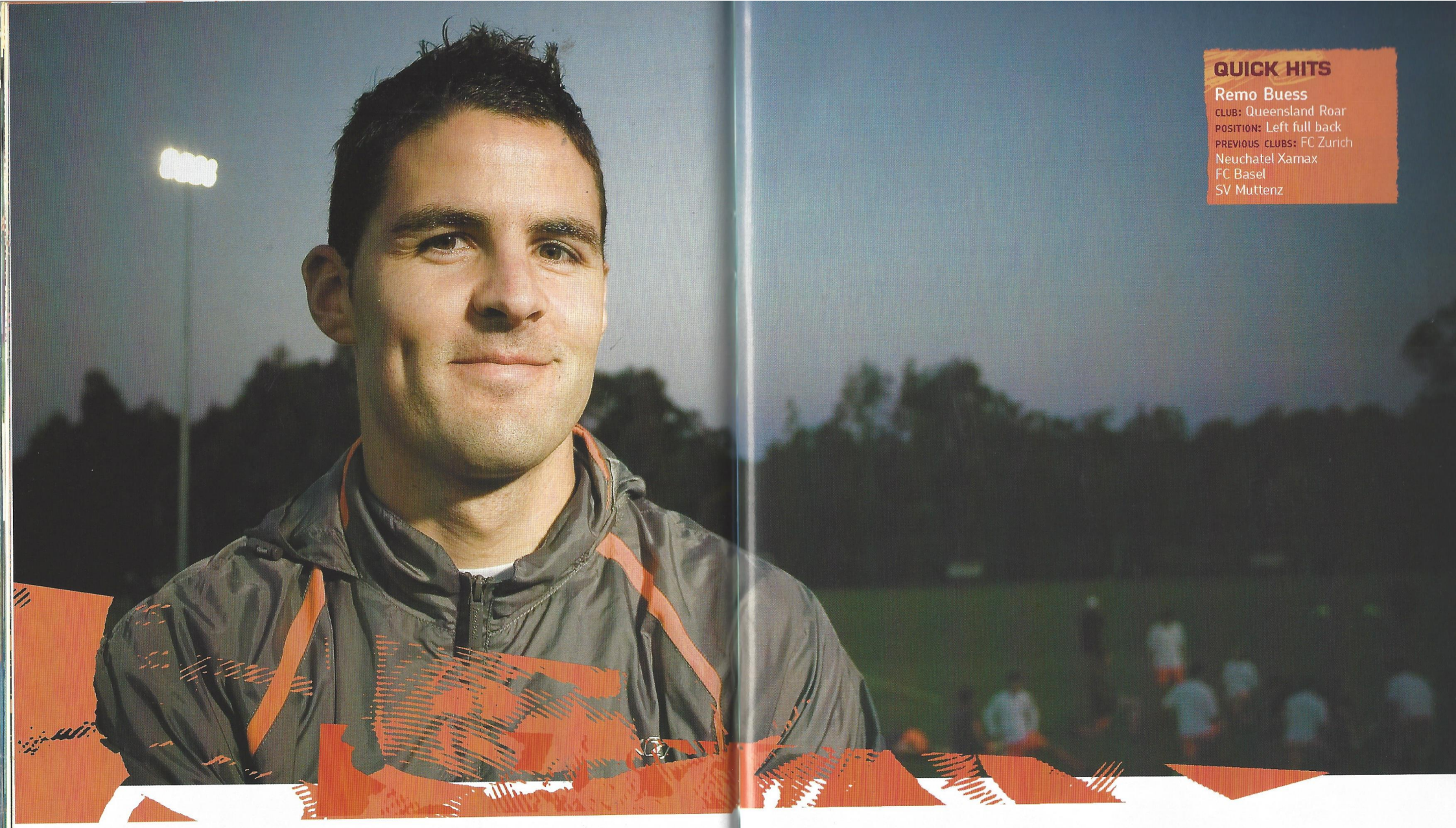
"I can play anywhere in defence and do enjoy getting into forward positions, too," Buess says. "That first internal (club) match was very hot and I didn't play very well, but they told me to stay and play another match. I played well and they offered me a contract.

"I am very happy. The club is very good, well organised and, for the players, we have everything we need. The home ground (Suncorp Stadium) is one of the best in the whole competition."

The 27-year-old Buess had almost a decade in the Swiss leagues, playing with clubs including FC Basel, Neuchatel Xamax and FC Zurich, winning championships and gaining UEFA Cup football

"I could see he was a quality player, but his honesty and self-confidence was probably what showed me he would be good for the team." – *Miron Bleiberg*





QUICK HITS

Remo Buess

CLUB: Queensland Roar
POSITION: Left full back
PREVIOUS CLUBS: FC Zurich
Neuchatel Xamax
FC Basel
SV Muttenz

experience. He also represented his country in under-age internationals.

Australia holds an allure for many Europeans and Buess is no different. When he heard there was a new professional league Down Under he was interested. After talking with the Aussies playing in Switzerland, he decided to give it a go.

"I had spoken to (Qantas Socceroo) Scott Chipperfield about Australia before, and then Simon Colosimo (Perth Glory) came for a trial at FC Basel. We talked a lot about Australia and he told me about the A-League," Buess says.

"Australia and Queensland are similar (to Switzerland), with many cultures living together. It is a wonderful place to live. It does get very hot, but the climate is beautiful."

Buess knew he made the right decision to move to Australia when the 20,000-plus Suncorp Stadium crowd roared their approval after Queensland's first-round win over the New Zealand Knights.

Bleiberg initially rated Buess so highly he was a serious contender for the club captaincy, but eventually the thinking coach handed him the co-vice captaincy with another tall timber in defence, Josh McLoughlan, and the captaincy to Chad Gibson. Buess has no problem with the decisions.

"Chad is a good player and a good leader and was a good choice as captain," Buess says.

Buess showed his class early on with a fine performance on Dwight Yorke (Sydney FC) during a

pre-season match in Cairns. The former star for Manchester United was hardly given a sniff by the Roar defence.

However, Buess says Yorke is still a special player and Roar will be wary in their next encounter with Sydney at Suncorp in Round 5.

"He (Yorke) is a big name, but he still wants to have success and will score goals here in Australia," Buess says.

"The standard here in Australia is quite high. It is difficult to compare with other leagues as it is a different style of football, but it is a very good standard and a very good style. I think there are some very good players here now."

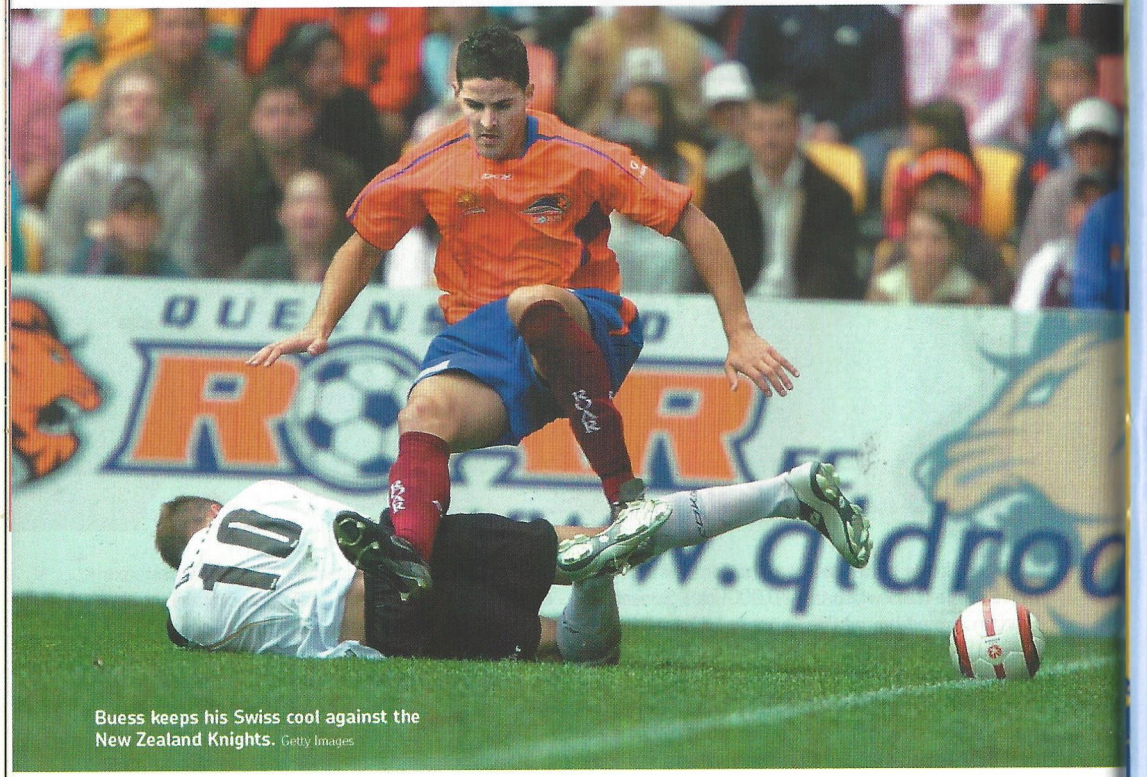
Besides acclimatising, Buess says he has had some teething problems in his new home, missing his family and support base in Switzerland and struggling with his English.

But he is being shown the ropes by his teammates and housemates Chad Gibson, Massimo Murdocca and recent signing Spase Dilevski.

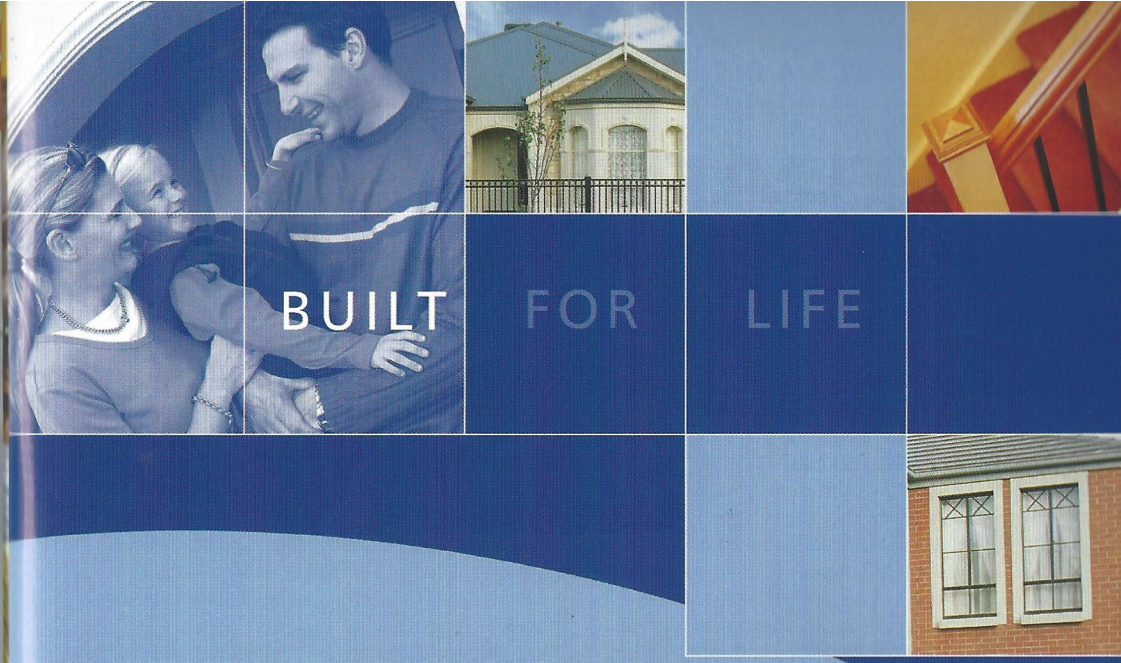
The internet has been invaluable for Buess to stay in touch with family and friends, as well as for following the Swiss Super League and the progression of FC Thun in the European Champions League. The tiny Thun, close to where Buess grew up, will take on the likes of Manchester United in the group stages after defeating Swedish side Malmo to qualify.

He may be missing his homeland, but any homesickness disappeared at Suncorp on that first Sunday in the Hyundai A-League. The atmosphere was hot and Buess loved it.

Rob Black writes for The Sunday Mail *in Brisbane.*



Buess keeps his Swiss cool against the New Zealand Knights. Getty Images



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STUART MUSIALIK

NEWCASTLE JETS

AGE: 20 **POSITION:** Midfield

WORDS: David Lewis

Ask most young midfielders which players they idolise and names like Zidane, Ronaldinho, Kewell and Beckham are likely to be the first on their lips.

Ask Newcastle Jets under-20 international Stuart Musialik the same question and he'll reply without a pause for thought: "Claude Makelele."

To soccer snobs Musialik's adoration for the vacuum cleaner of Chelsea's midfield is akin to a budding artist declaring a preference for a spray painter over Picasso. It is also an insight into the sort of player the shy and softly spoken 20-year-old wants to become.

Party tricks and showboating aren't part of a repertoire that has led Ang Postecoglou, in charge of Australia's under-17 and under-20 teams, to nominate Musialik as one of the best prospects ever to have come into his orbit.

Instead, Musialik has cast himself in the image of a tiny Frenchman with the unglamorous job of picking up the midfield leftovers and feeding his more celebrated colleagues at Stamford Bridge.

"I love the way he plays," says the kid from Newcastle whose father Fred, who is of Polish extraction, enrolled him at his first club at age four.

"It's so simple but effective. He collects the ball so deep and is always there, starting attacks and breaking up play to win back possession for his team."

If Musialik can get the game time he needs to progress this season, Postecoglou has no doubts that a future cruising Europe's boulevards of football bounty beckons.

"His greatest asset is that he is incredibly comfortable on the ball," says Postecoglou. "That is a rarity for an Australian player, especially under pressure at the higher levels of the game.

"At the World Youth Cup in Holland this year (where Australia drew with Benin and Japan, but lost to the hosts) he was our best player. No matter what the opposition, he stepped up and looked totally in control.

"He's technically very adept, he's a great passer of the ball and he also works hard on his game. I can see him going to France, Holland, Italy or Germany, or even thriving in the hustle and bustle of the Premier League."

However, Postecoglou warns that Musialik, for all his promise, must add extra bulk to a slight frame if he is to survive the unarmed combat that rages in midfield battles from Hyundai A-League to English Premier League.

"Once he has matured a bit physically, I have no doubt he'll be an outstanding player," he says.

"He's pretty quiet on and off the field, but he has a lot of confidence and it's certainly not misplaced."

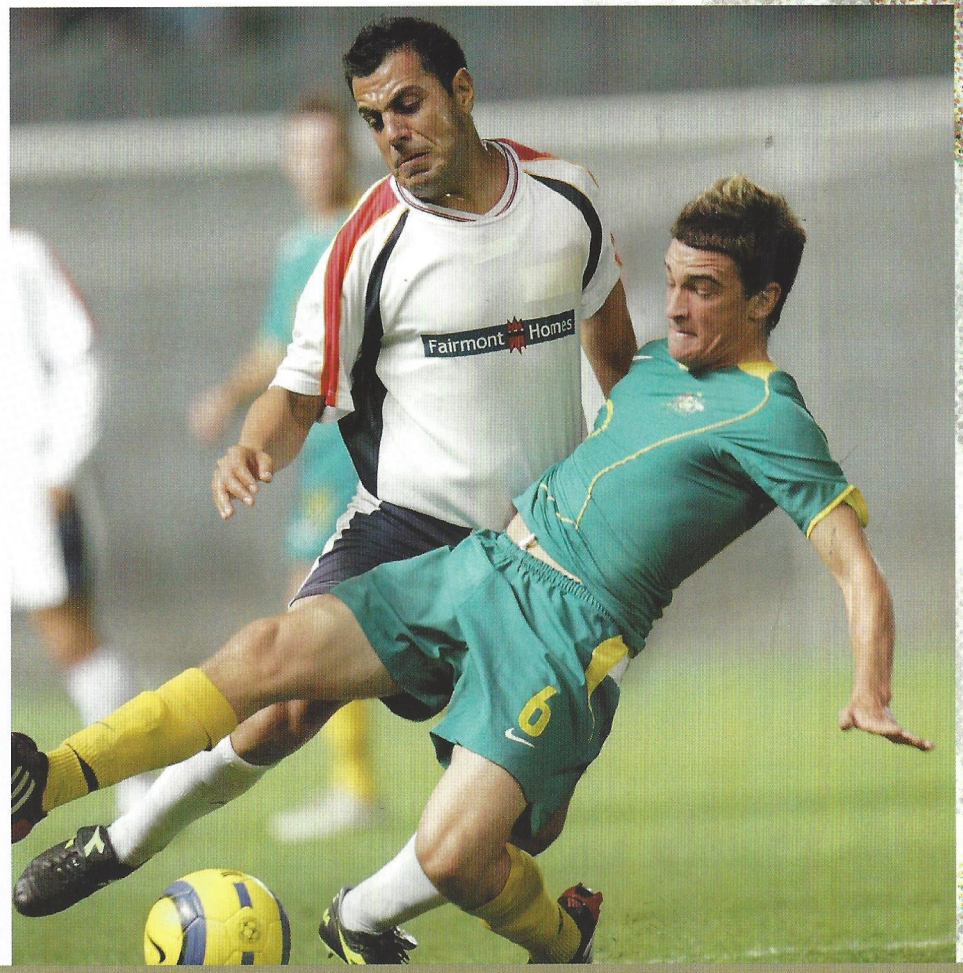
Breaking into a Jets team with a midfield that includes former Qantas Socceroos Ned Zelic and Richard Johnson and former Parramatta Power player Matt Thompson is Musialik's immediate goal, but it won't be a foregone conclusion for the youngster who spent two years at the Australian Institute of Sport and played four games in the old National Soccer League for Newcastle United.

"I can't say I should walk into the team because they are all good players with experience, so I'll have to be patient," he says.

Postecoglou is more forceful.

"I expect Stuart to be playing regularly and to be putting in performances which make people sit up and take notice," he declares.

Musialik's plan is to play at least one more season here and then head to Europe. To that end, Bernie Mandic, the Paris-based agent who has variously guided the careers of Mark Viduka, Harry Kewell, John Aloisi and Josip Skoko, has made Musialik as his newest project. He's convinced he's uncovered a gem on the Newcastle coalface.



"Potentially he has it all. He's a smart player whose progress is being monitored by quite a few people." – Bernie Mandic

"After the World Youth Cup, clubs from Holland and Belgium came forward with offers for him, but Newcastle didn't want to let him go," says Mandic.

"Potentially he has it all. He's a smart player whose progress is being monitored by quite a few people."

Musialik, now 20, has never known anything but football.

"My dad had me out in the park with a tiny little ball almost as soon as I could walk – you could say I fell in love with the game very early," adds Musialik, who will return to Europe for trials at the end of the inaugural Hyundai A-League season.

Newcastle's striker Ante Milicic is another Musialik convert.

"I'd heard a lot of good things about him before I came to the club and I haven't been disappointed," he says. "He's got good engines, vision and can switch the play at the drop of a hat. The next two years are vital for him because before he goes anywhere he must show what he can do in the Hyundai A-League. He's very close to starting place now – and the rest will be up to him."

David Lewis covers football for The Daily Telegraph *in Sydney.*

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PERTH GLORY
Player Profiles

JASON PETKOVIC 1
GOALKEEPER

Age 32 **Games** 3
Height 194cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

Second spell with Perth after a season in Turkey. Former NSL goalkeeper-of-the-year and has played at senior international level.

MATTHEW HORSLEY 2
DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Age 33 **Games** 1
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 77kg

Tough, game and consistent right-sided wing-back. Four-time NSL champion, twice as skipper of Wollongong, twice with Perth. Has played for Australia at senior level.

DAVID TARKA 3
DEFENDER

Age 22 **Games** 0
Height 190cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

A full international representative who has returned after 18 months in England with Nottingham Forest. Will miss the season's start due to injury.

SIMON COLOSIMO 4
MIDFIELDER

Age 26 **Games** 3
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 75kg

Current international who scored the winner in Australia's victory over New Zealand in London. A Marston medal-winner for best afield in an NSL grand final.

JAMIE HARNWELL 5
DEFENDER

Age 28 **Games** 3
Height 188cm **Goals** 0
Weight 93kg

One of Perth's more experienced players, he is a no-nonsense defender who bobs up at the other end of the pitch to score crucial goals. The Glory's captain.

STEVE McMAHON JR 6
MIDFIELDER

Age 21 **Games** 3
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 71kg

The first signing made by his father Steve, the Glory's coach. Hard-running and tenacious, he also played for McMahon senior at Blackpool in England.

SCOTT MILLER 7
DEFENDER

Age 33 **Games** 3
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 75kg

Miller has been with the Glory since the club entered the old NSL in 1996. Left-sided wing-back who missed much of last year with Achilles problems.

NICK WARD 8
MIDFIELDER

Age 20 **Games** 3
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 79kg

Young Socceroo anxious to stake his claim. A hard-working, tireless runner who scored the pre-season winner which snapped Sydney FC's unbeaten streak.

BOBBY DESPOTOVSKI 10
STRIKER

Age 34 **Games** 3
Height 180cm **Goals** 3
Weight 81kg

Another in the veteran class, Glory's all-time top scorer put off retirement for another shot at the top-level in Australia. Quick, skilful and retains his eye for goal.

DANIEL VASILEVSKI 11
MIDFIELDER

Age 23 **Games** 0
Height 177cm **Goals** 0
Weight 78kg

Ex-Carlton and Melbourne Knights junior international with a lot of class who's career has been blighted by injury. Used mainly as a wing-back or wide midfielder.

HIROYUKI ISHIDA 12
WINGER

Age 25 **Games** 3
Height 171cm **Goals** 0
Weight 67kg

Flashy, pacy Japanese winger who illustrates the global nature of the game, having played in Brazil before arriving in Australia.

ANTE KOVACEVIC 13
DEFENDER

Age 31 **Games** 3
Height 186cm **Goals** 0
Weight 89kg

Experienced, tough-tackling centre-back with good leadership qualities who can also play as a sweeper. Won two NSL titles as a youngster with the Melbourne Knights.

JAMIE COYNE 14
DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

Age 24 **Games** 3
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 76kg

Nowadays a right-back, Coyne began as a midfielder. Left Perth as a youngster and went to West Ham. Also had a spell in the Netherlands.

BILLY CELESKI 15
MIDFIELD

Age 20 **Games** 3
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 73kg

Another Victorian who has gone west, Celeski came through the VIS program before moving on to the AIS. Has played for the Young Socceroos.

BRIAN DEANE 16
STRIKER

Age 37 **Games** 3
Height 192cm **Goals** 0
Weight 79kg

Became a footnote in football history when he scored the first goal in the English Premier League for Sheffield United in August 1992. Former England international.

STUART YOUNG 17
STRIKER

Age 32 **Games** 0
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

Veteran striker who will provide forward cover. Twice NSL champion alongside Horsley at Wollongong.

HENRY FA'ARODO 18
STRIKER

Age 22 **Games** 1
Height 172cm **Goals** 0
Weight 70kg

The only Solomon Islands international in the Hyundai A-League. Blessed with lightening pace, but needs to improve his first touch if he wants to become a regular.

NAUM SEKULOVSKI 19
MIDFIELDER/WINGER

Age 23 **Games** 0
Height 181cm **Goals** 0
Weight 81kg

Another Victorian who came out of the VIS program, and played at a number of NSL clubs. An attacking midfielder who will be expected to provide support in the final third.

MILAN JOVANIC 20
GOALKEEPER

Age 20 **Games** 0
Height 187cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

The Serbia and Montenegro youth international was pitched into action as first-choice keeper before Petkovic's clearance from Turkey came through.

ADRIAN CACERES 21
MIDFIELDER/STRIKER

Age 23 **Games** 3
Height 180cm **Goals** 1
Weight 78kg

Won two NSL titles with the Glory before moving to the Wycombe Wanderers in England. He is on a short-term contract replacing the injured Neil Teggart.

PERTH GLORY

Homeground:
Members Equity Stadium, Perth

Coach:
Steve McMahon

Captain:
Jamie Harnwell

No.	Name	Position	Goals
1.	Jason Petkovic	Goalkeeper	
2.	Matthew Horsley	Defender/Midfielder	
3.	David Tarka	Defender	
4.	Simon Colosimo	Midfielder	
5.	Jamie Harnwell	Defender	
6.	Steve McMahon Jr	Midfielder	
7.	Scott Miller	Defender	
8.	Nick Ward	Midfielder	
10.	Bobby Despotovski	Striker	
11.	Daniel Vasilevski	Midfielder	
12.	Hiroyuki Ishida	Winger	
13.	Ante Kovacevic	Defender	
14.	Jamie Coyne	Defender/Midfielder	
15.	Billy Celeski	Midfield	
16.	Brian Deane	Striker	
17.	Stuart Young	Striker	
18.	Henry Fa'arodo	Striker	
19.	Naum Sekulovski	Midfielder	
20.	Milan Jovanic	Goalkeeper	
21.	Adrian Caceres	Midfielder/Striker	

TEAM SCORE

Half-time

Full-time

ADELAIDE UNITED

Homeground:
Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide

Coach:
John Kosmina

Captain:
Ross Aloisi

No.	Name	Position	Goals
1.	Daniel Beltrame	Goalkeeper	
2.	Richie Alagich	Defender	
3.	Kristian Rees	Defender	
4.	Angelo Costanzo	Midfielder	
5.	Michael Valkanis	Defender	
6.	Ross Aloisi	Midfielder	
7.	Lucas Pantelis	Midfielder	
8.	Carl Veart	Striker	
9.	Matthew Kemp	Midfielder	
11.	Louis Brain	Midfielder	
12.	Chad Bugeja	Striker	
13.	Travis Dodd	Midfield/Striker	
14.	Aaron Goulding	Defender	
15.	Michael Matricciani	Striker	
16.	Tony Hatzis	Midfielder	
17.	Adam Van Dommele	Defender	
18.	Robert Cornthwaite	Defender	
19.	Shengqing Qu	Striker	
20.	Robert Bajic	Goalkeeper	

TEAM SCORE

Half-time

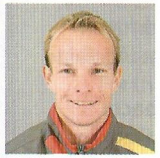
Full-time

ADELAIDE UNITED
Player Profiles

DANIEL BELTRAME 1
GOALKEEPER

Age 29 **Games** 3
Height 190cm **Goals** 0
Weight 107kg

Experienced keeper, who has been with Wollongong and Parramatta. Tall, strong and intimidating.



RICHIE ALAGICH 2
DEFENDER

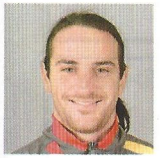
Age 32 **Games** 3
Height 177cm **Goals** 0
Weight 74kg

Dependable right-sided defender who also takes penalties. Was Adelaide United's first-ever club champion in its debut NSL season

KRISTIAN REES 3
DEFENDER

Age 25 **Games** 3
Height 193cm **Goals** 0
Weight 93kg

Tough backman who doesn't stand on ceremony. Part of the Adelaide City squad which formed the basis of the Adelaide United side in the NSL's last season.



ANGELO COSTANZO 4
MIDFIELDER

Age 29 **Games** 3
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 88kg

A home-town boy who has returned after a stint in Sydney. A former Socceroo, he can play as a holding midfielder, in central defence or as a sweeeper.

MICHAEL VALKANIS 5
DEFENDER

Age 30 **Games** 3
Height 181cm **Goals** 0
Weight 80kg

A tough, uncompromising centre-half with strong aerial ability, Valkanis was at South Melbourne before going to Greece, where he spent five years as a professional.

ROSS ALOISI 6
MIDFIELDER

Age 32 **Games** 3
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 78kg

Given the captain's armband after the shock retirement of Aurelio Vidmar before the season began. Older brother of Socceroo front man John Aloisi.

LUCAS PANTELIS 7
MIDFIELDER

Age 23 **Games** 2
Height 166cm **Goals** 0
Weight 66kg

A fast and skilful winger, Pantelis has returned to South Australia after a spell with Parramatta. His pace causes problems for defenders.

CARL VEART 8
STRIKER

Age 35 **Games** 3
Height 182cm **Goals** 1
Weight 85kg

Veteran former Socceroo who spent several years in English football, including scoring the winning goal for Sheffield United in an FA Cup win over Arsenal.

MATTHEW KEMP 9
MIDFIELDER

Age 25 **Games** 3
Height 175cm **Goals** 0
Weight 71kg

Can't fault his commitment as he made his own travel arrangements to get to Adelaide from Canberra for a trial in 2000. It paid off, as he got his break in the old NSL.

LOUIS BRAIN 11
MIDFIELDER

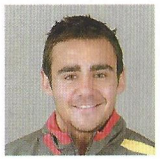
Age 23 **Games** 3
Height 171cm **Goals** 1
Weight 73kg

Hard-working, quick midfielder who has extensive NSL experience. He will be in the thick of the action.

CHAD BUGEJA 12
STRIKER

Age 24 **Games** 3
Height 173cm **Goals** 0
Weight 74kg

One of a handful of Adelaide players without NSL experience. This Broken Hill-born striker boasts a real turn of speed.



TRAVIS DODD 13
MIDFIELD/STRIKER

Age 25 **Games** 3
Height 177cm **Goals** 0
Weight 80kg

A quick player on the flanks who returned to Adelaide after a season in Greece. Versatile, having played as a winger, wing-back and central striker.

AARON GOULDING 14
DEFENDER

Age 23 **Games** 1
Height 179cm **Goals** 0
Weight 76kg

Can operate at left back or in the centre of defence. A member of the 1999 Australian under-17 team that lost in the World Cup final to Brazil in a penalty shoot out.

MICHAEL MATRICCIANI 15
STRIKER

Age 19 **Games** 0
Height 178cm **Goals** 0
Weight 70kg

Regular goalscorer in local Adelaide league who injured his knee playing for the Young Socceroos earlier this year.

TONY HATZIS 16
MIDFIELDER

Age 19 **Games** 0
Height 180cm **Goals** 0
Weight 72kg

The last man to win a place on Adelaide's player roster, this competitive midfielder will relish the chance to mix it with the big boys.

ADAM VAN DOMMELE 17
DEFENDER

Age 19 **Games** 2
Height 182cm **Goals** 0
Weight 85kg

Another junior international who represented his country at under-17 level, Van Dommele is a strong, competitive defender whose father, Renee, represented South Australia.

ROBERT CORNTHWAITE 18
DEFENDER

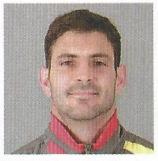
Age 19 **Games** 1
Height 193cm **Goals** 0
Weight 84kg

Something of a project player for the future, this tall, strong defender was drafted in from the state league.

SHENGQING QU 19
STRIKER

Age 30 **Games** 0
Height 183cm **Goals** 0
Weight 84kg

A quick, skilful striker who has appeared 30 times for the Chinese national team. Was top scorer for Shanghai Shenghua from 2001-2004.



ROBERT BAJIC 20
GOALKEEPER

Age 28 **Games** 0
Height 195cm **Goals** 0
Weight 87kg

Agile and tall goalkeeper, who will be back-up to Beltrame. Has first team experience in the old NSL.

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SIGHTS SET

Perth's midfielder Simon Colosimo is hoping his strong form and a successful start from the Glory will make him a part of Australia's World Cup assault.

Simon Colosimo had the world at his feet when he made his Qantas Socceroos debut in 1998 as an up-and-coming star with NSL club Carlton. But his rise to the top did not quite go to plan, despite spells at English club Manchester City and Belgium's Royal Antwerp.

The Victorian midfielder still has thoughts of returning to Europe, but of more immediate importance is Perth Glory's inaugural Hyundai A-League season and Australia's World Cup campaign. Colosimo is determined to play his part for the Qantas Socceroos and he knows only top-notch performances for Glory will keep him on Guus Hiddink's radar.

Despite a stumbling start, when Glory was beaten 1-0 by Noel Spencer's stunning strike for Central Coast, Colosimo is adamant the Perth team will be in the finals mix come February.

QUICK HITS

Simon Colosimo

CLUB: Perth Glory

POSITION: Midfielder

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Pahang (Malaysia)
Parramatta Power
Royal Antwerp (Belgium)
Manchester City (England)
South Melbourne Lakers
Carlton Blues

After the Mariners defeat, the Victorian midfielder consoled himself with a week under the watchful eye of Qantas Socceroos boss Guus Hiddink at a national team training camp in Sydney.

Now he hopes Glory's success in the fiercely competitive new league, and his personal return to the pinnacle of his powers, will keep him in Hiddink's plans.

Total Football: What was it like to spend the week with new national team coach Guus Hiddink and the Qantas Socceroos in the lead-up to the Oceania World Cup qualifiers?

Simon Colosimo: It's great to get together with the boys. There's a real strong sense of team spirit there. Everyone enjoys being in camp and there's a good feeling amongst the boys.

What are your early impressions of Guus Hiddink?

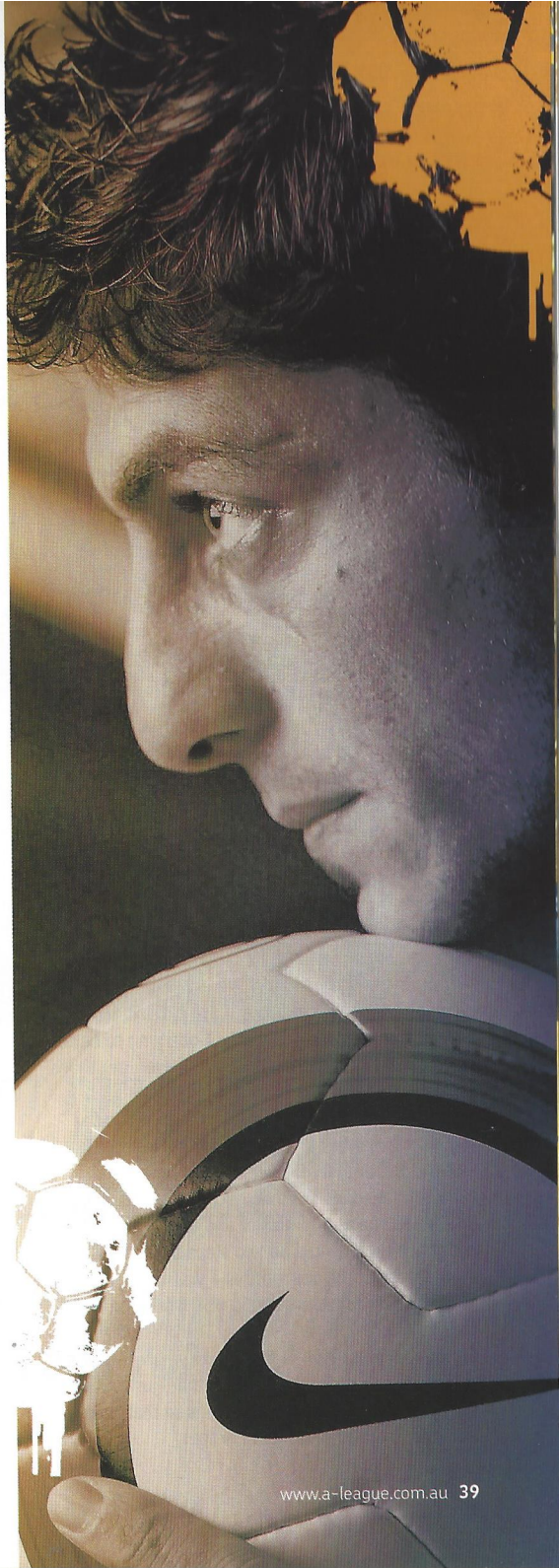
He knows what he wants in everything he does – on the field, off the field, breakfast, lunch and dinner. He's a perfectionist. He wants everyone to eat together. At training everything is very organised; he wants everything done properly. He's very determined to get his point across.

Will being in the Asian Football Confederation, rather than Oceania, make World Cup qualification harder or easier for Australia next time around?

I think it will make things easier, because the team will get together more often and play more competitive games. But the Asian teams are very good – just look at the results from the last World Cup. Overall, it will be easier because it's not going to depend on 180 minutes of football, which it has in the past. It's been almost like a toss of a coin (qualifying via a two-leg playoff against the fifth-placed South American team).

Are your chances of remaining involved in the Qantas Socceroos' World Cup campaign affected by playing in the Hyundai A-League?

I don't think it really matters, as long as I'm playing and playing well. I did myself no harm in the recent camp. I think I trained quite well. Guus doesn't seem to care who you are or where you're playing. If you're playing well and responding well to his instructions, then you'll play, and that's a huge boost for me.



Colosimo scoring for the Qantas Socceroos to defeat New Zealand.

Can "new football" challenge the most popular sports in Australia?
It's not going to happen in a couple of years, but if you look at the start we've made with the Hyundai A-League in terms of the crowds, it's promising. Ours is the world game. We've got more juniors playing than any other sport. The support is there, it's just a matter of the timing. Not trying to be too big for our boots initially, but I think we'll get there.

Why did you choose to play in the Hyundai A-League rather than looking elsewhere?
I wasn't prepared to go overseas to Romania or Norway or leagues like that. I don't think these leagues will benefit me as a footballer and they wouldn't benefit me financially. It would be two steps backwards. I've always been of the opinion that if you're going to move to Europe, it's got to be a good club where you can benefit, where you can improve. The offers that came during the off-season weren't quite where I wanted to be. There was one in Germany that I just missed out on. I'm not going to go overseas so that I can ring home and say I'm playing in Europe.

Why did you choose Perth?
I love Melbourne and I love my family and friends, but it's a lot harder for me to concentrate on my game when I live there. There's always something happening. You can start to lose focus a little bit. I think being away from Melbourne will help me concentrate on my football. That played a huge part.

How is the Glory shaping up?
We were terrible in the first game and we should wipe it out of our memory bank. I think we can get in the top four and that's the aim. I think every game will be difficult. I don't think there's an outstanding team and I don't think there's a poor team (in the league). There's still a winning mentality at Perth Glory, on and off the park. The guys who are still here from the old days don't really know the feeling of losing. We had a taste of it against Central Coast and we didn't like it much.

Jonathan Cook covers football for The West Australian *newspaper in Perth.*

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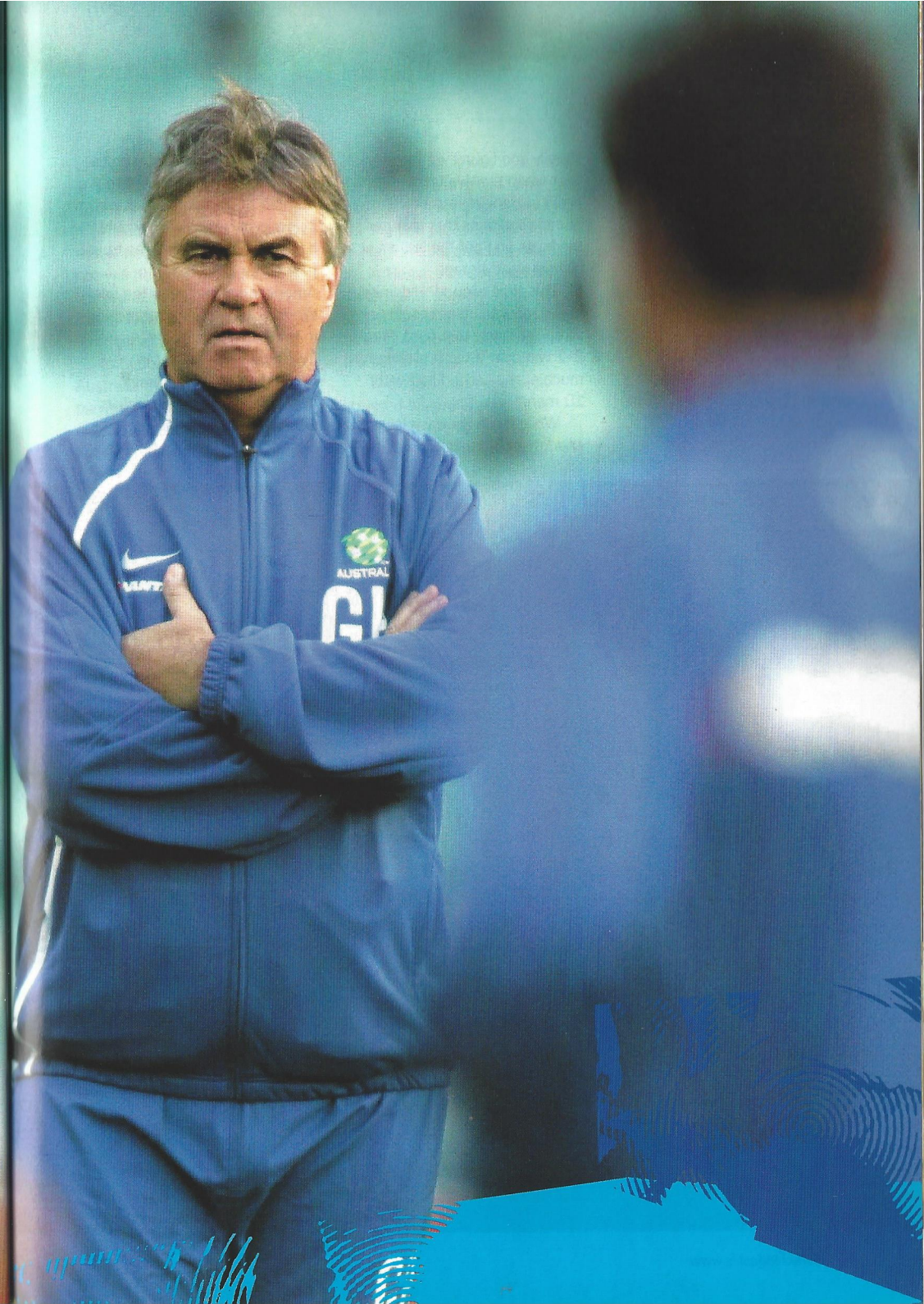
HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

WORDS: Michael Lynch

DUTCH COURAGE

Guus Hiddink has a big task ahead of him: to get the Qantas Socceroos to the World Cup. With a tough qualifier fast approaching in November, he's making some brave decisions about the team's strategy.



As far as introductions go it was a smooth affair – at least at first.

Guus Hiddink's debut match in charge of the Qantas Socceroos always looked as if it would be straightforward. The Solomon Islands were never going to offer much more than token resistance in the first leg of the World Cup qualifier in Sydney, and the 7-0 victory proved to be nothing more than a glorified training exercise.

Things were a lot hotter, literally and figurally, a few days later when the two teams clashed again in Honiara in difficult, humid conditions that favoured the hosts and put the visitors at a distinct disadvantage.

This time around, Hiddink's high-credential team could only scrap their way to a hard-fought 2-1 win over a team playing for much of the second half with 10 men.

While the boss was pleased enough with the first effort, he was less than delighted with the second. Hiddink suggested that a number of his team had played below expectations and would have to lift if Australia was to get past some difficult South American opposition in the final World Cup qualifier approaching in mid-November.

"If we play like that in November it will be mission impossible," he told journalists after the second game, illustrating the enormity of the task the Qantas Socceroos face in defeating the fifth-placed South American nation.

Hiddink has made it clear he thinks nothing of reputations, nor will he stick to tried and trusted formulae if he thinks radical changes will have a stronger effect.

In Sydney, it was a new-look Australia that took the field, playing with a three-man defence instead of a flat-back-four for the first time in years. Hiddink was searching for width by using two wing backs and looking for goals by fielding two out-and-out strikers in Mark Viduka and John Aloisi.

In Honiara he shuffled his cards again, playing a more straightforward 4-4-2 and making a number of changes to the starting line-up.

The coach has repeatedly stressed his preference for a fast-paced, highly mobile, high-pressure game, where

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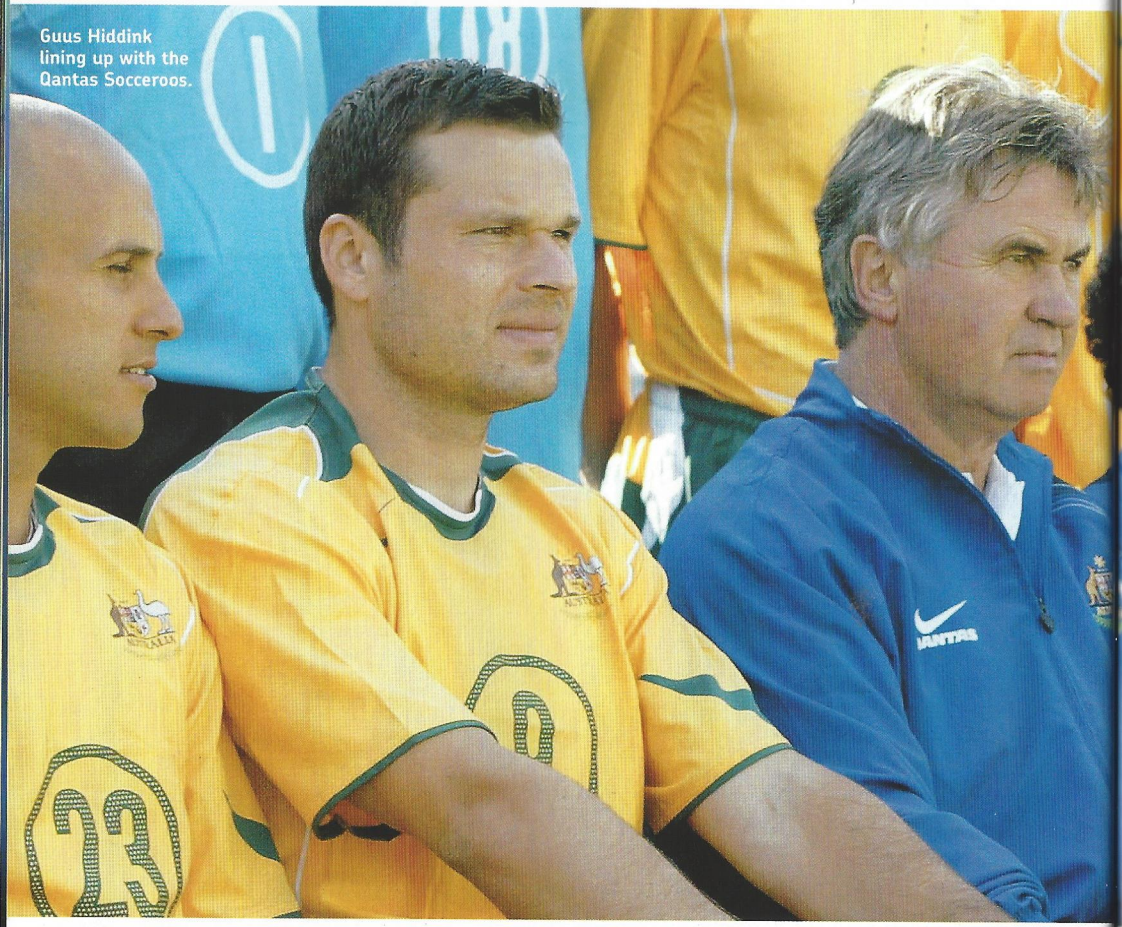


Guus Hiddink lining up with the Qantas Socceroos.

Australia will close down the opposition quickly, put immediate pressure on the opposition ball carrier and deny them time and space to get their game going.

At the same time, he is looking for Australia to break quickly using the pace and width of their wingers, with attacking midfielders getting forward to support the strikers.

It is a big tactical change from the settled 4-4-2 structure former Australia boss Frank Farina was committed to. One sign from Hiddink's first game in charge was that there could be a shake-up in personnel, with some established players asked to take on new and unfamiliar roles.

Brett Emerton, the Blackburn Rovers winger, made his name in Holland as a full back with Feyenoord, and he is likely to be used in a wide position on the right. FC Basel's Scott Chipperfield could take up a similar position on the left, with evergreen Birmingham City winger Stan Lazaridis waiting in the wings.

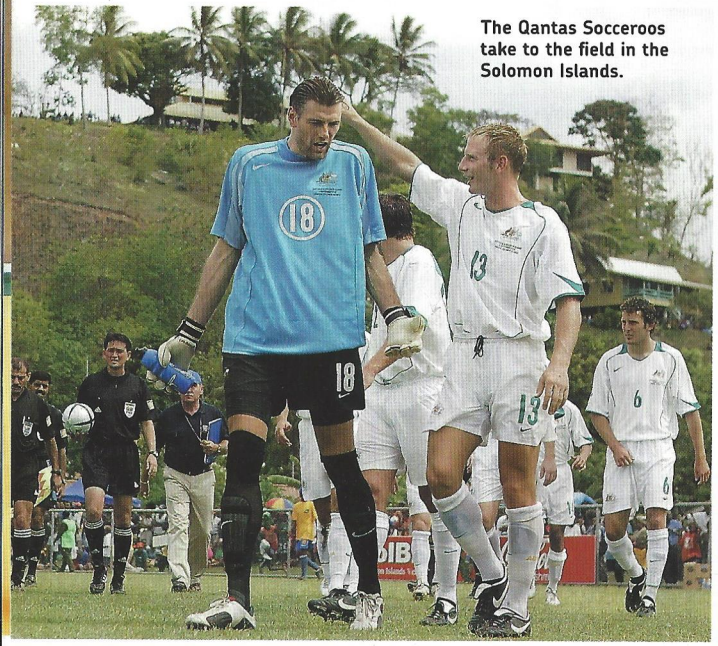
Lucas Neill has played at right full back for Australia for the past couple of years, but if Hiddink makes a permanent switch to a central-back-three, he is likely to move into the middle as right stopper, with Tony Popovic on the left and Craig Moore in the centre.

Playing with a back three would necessitate the use of a more defensive midfielder playing just in front. The player in the current Qantas Socceroos squad who most naturally fits that role is Vince Grella, who has played as a holding midfielder in Italy's Serie A for several seasons, first with Empoli and more recently with Parma.

Hiddink appears to be a big fan of the Netherlands-based Jason Culina – he is trying to sign him for his club side PSV Eindhoven and he started with him in the first game. If Culina does cement a role in the starting 11, Grella is used in a defensive midfield berth, and the wide players are selected as expected, it would mean only one of Josip Skoko, Marco Bresciano or Tim Cahill would play. All three were regulars in Frank Farina's first team, but all are adaptable and could play in any midfield role Hiddink chooses – either in a holding position or behind the strikers.

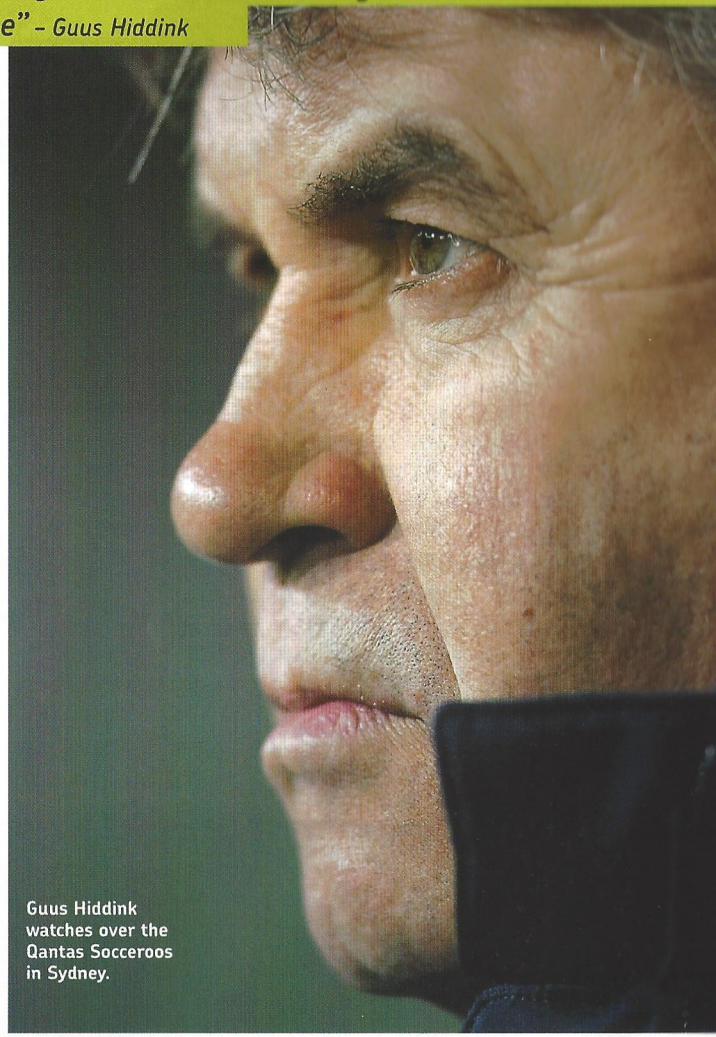
Up front, Hiddink made a statement by giving Mark Viduka the captain's armband in Sydney. The big Middlesbrough striker had not captained his country since the under-20 World Cup in Qatar a decade earlier, and he certainly seemed galvanised by the honour, scoring with a spectacular overhead kick and a powerful header. A fit and motivated Viduka is critical to Australia's World Cup hopes, but he, like everyone else in the squad, can take nothing for granted. More will become clear after Hiddink holds another coaching camp in Europe and Australia plays Jamaica in London in October.

Hiddink explained his coaching philosophy over the course of the two Solomon Islands matches.



The Qantas Socceroos take to the field in the Solomon Islands.

"I like my players to recognise how to react and gain control and dominance in the game" *– Guus Hiddink*



Guus Hiddink watches over the Qantas Socceroos in Sydney.

"For me, it's important that the team knows exactly what to do when we don't have possession and what we do when we have the ball.

"The style of play is not a defensive one. We have to defend well in all parts of the team. The attackers have to defend well, and the defenders have to make a good contribution to the build-up. We want to recover possession as soon as possible. That means we are going to play in a controlled aggressive style.

"I like to have control of the opponents, whether they play with one, two or three strikers. I like my players to recognise how to react and gain control and dominance in the game and I like to have fast and mobile players in all positions."

Hiddink concedes his choice of midfielders will be difficult, but likes the flexibility a 3-5-2 structure offers.

"With this system you can change easily to control the opponent. You can drop back with one winger, you can change a central defender to another position. It's easier when you play like this to change within the team so I don't need to change from the bench. I don't like to lose the three substitutions.

"Midfield, I am still looking (at personnel). You need a lot of physical power in the midfield to recover the ball. As well as good technical players, we need the recovery players (in the) midfield."

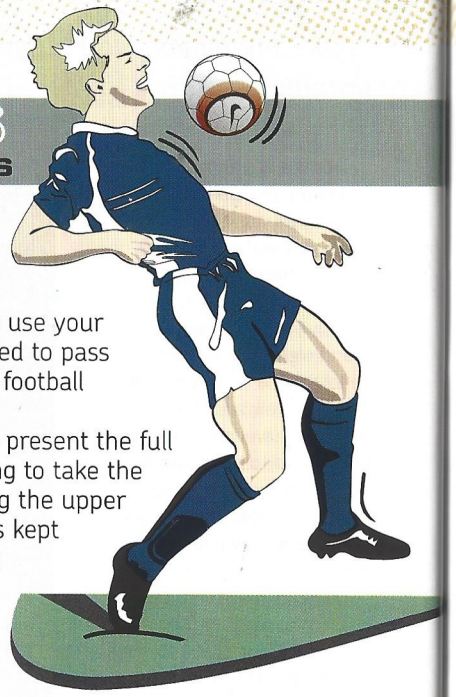
One ongoing concern is the fitness and form of one of Australia's star players, Liverpool winger Harry Kewell. Kewell has endured an injury-plagued start to the Premier League campaign and has barely played.

"I am concerned about his situation to be honest. I talked with (Liverpool manager) Rafa Benitez and we are planning to get him in a special program to have him fit as soon as possible. I have my ideas and Benitez has his, and we have agreed to work on it as soon as possible to get him fit.

"Once they are in competition they have to play games every three or four days, so you need a good preparation to be game fit. You can be fit, but game fitness is different to normal fitness."

Michael Lynch is chief football writer for The Age *in Melbourne.*

FOOTBALL SKILLS
WITH KRISTIAN SARKIES



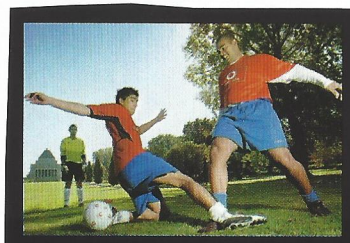
This week's skill:
> CHESTING THE BALL

If the ball isn't played to your feet, you may have to use your chest to bring it under control. The chest can be used to pass the ball and drop the ball to feet, and to deflect the football through all angles.

In all chest control skills, the best technique is to present the full width of the chest to the ball, rather than attempting to take the ball at an angle. The ball can be deflected by turning the upper body on contact. When passing the ball, the chest is kept rigid, but to stop the ball, the upper body should be relaxed, and the legs are used to drop the chest on impact like dropping a platform.

KRISTIAN SAYS:

"Don't be afraid of the ball. It's not going to put a hole in you. When receiving the ball, lean back with your chest out. Try and absorb as much of the impact as possible, so it drops to your feet, or so you can control it with another part of your body – like your thigh."



What in the weird?

The Hyundai A-League's advertising campaign features some of the more exciting football terms, such as the bicycle kick, scissor kick and the "nutmeg". While the first two are pretty straightforward, no one really knows where the latter – which describes putting the ball between a defender's legs and retrieving it the other side – comes from. There are two likely answers. One is that it is rhyming slang for "leg", referring to the things the ball is going through. The other explanation is a little more unusual. "Nutmeg" is listed in the *Oxford English Dictionary* as "arising in the 1870s which in Victorian slang came to mean 'to be tricked or deceived, especially in a manner which makes the victim look foolish'." The meaning arose because of dodgy practices in nutmeg exports between America and England. "Nutmegs were such a valuable commodity that unscrupulous exporters were wont to pull a fast one by mixing a helping of wooden replicas into the sacks being shipped to England," writes Peter Seddon in *Football Talk – The Language And Folklore Of The World's Greatest Game*. "Being nutmegged soon came to imply stupidity on the part of the duped victim and cleverness on the part of the trickster."

DID YOU KNOW?

The New Zealand Knights' **Sean Devine** holds the rare distinction of being all-time top league goal scorer at two English clubs: Barnet (47 goals, 1995 to 1999) and Wycombe Wanderers (41 goals, 1999 to 2002).

JUMBLED PLAYERS

Some of the Hyundai A-League's players have had their names re-arranged. Can you unjumble them? Answers are below the jumbled names.

1. Sydney's striker **OVERPASS HITS OK.**

2. **BIKER MERCY JOE** is one of New Zealand's young guns.

3. Queensland's midfield is driven by **MAMAS CIRCUS MOOD.**

4. **MADLY DIRE** stands in goal for the Jets.

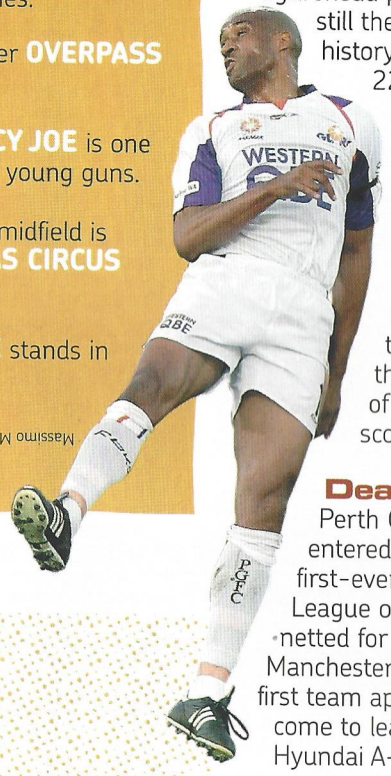
Answers 1. Sasho Petro-vski, 2. Jeremy Brockie, 3. Massimo Murdocca, 4. Liam Reddy.

A-Z OF FOOTBALL

Join us as we work our way through the football alphabet.

Di Stefano, Alfredo

Arguably the greatest player of all time, Alfredo Di Stefano was born in Argentina before reaching his greatest heights at Real Madrid in Spain. Renowned for combining his individual skill with an ability to command the team, he led Real to five consecutive European Cup victories, a feat still unmatched by any other club. More remarkably, Di Stefano scored in each of the finals. After retirement, he became a manager with less success, and remains the figurehead president of Real. Today, he is still the third-highest scorer in the history of Spain's top division, with 228 goals in 329 games.



Dour

A term used to describe those teams more focused on not losing than playing attractive, attacking football. Germany is often accused of adopting this outlook in the World Cup, where their strong defence often sees them through to the latter stages of the tournament without scoring bags of goals.

Deane, Brian

Perth Glory's English striker, who entered the record books as the first-ever goal scorer in the Premier League on August 15, 1992, when he netted for Sheffield United against Manchester United. After more than 700 first team appearances in Europe, he has come to lead the Glory's attack on the Hyundai A-League.

FIXTURE

ROUND	FIXTURE	VENUE	KICK-OFF
ROUND 1			
Fri 26 Aug 05	Newcastle Jets FC 0 **Adelaide United FC 1**	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Fri 26 Aug 05	Perth Glory FC 0 **Central Coast Mariners FC 1**	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	8.00 pm
Sun 28 Aug 05	**Queensland Roar FC 2** New Zealand Knights FC 0	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	3.00 pm
Sun 28 Aug 05	Sydney FC 1 Melbourne Victory FC 1	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
ROUND 2			
Fri 2 Sep 05	New Zealand Knights FC 1 **Sydney FC 3**	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 2 Sep 05	Adelaide United FC 0 Queensland Roar FC 0	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sun 4 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 1 Newcastle Jets FC 1	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	3.00 pm
Sun 4 Sep 05	Melbourne Victory FC 2 Perth Glory FC 2	Olympic Park, Melbourne	5.00 pm
ROUND 3			
Fri 9 Sep 05	**Adelaide United FC 1** Melbourne Victory FC 0	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sat 10 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC 0 **New Zealand Knights FC 2**	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	7.35 pm
Sat 10 Sep 05	**Perth Glory FC 2** Queensland Roar FC 1	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 11 Sep 05	**Newcastle Jets FC 2** Sydney FC 1	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 4			
Fri 16 Sep 05	Sydney FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 17 Sep 05	Perth Glory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 18 Sep 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	3.00 pm
Sun 18 Sep 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 5			
Thu 22 Sep 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Perth Glory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 23 Sep 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Sydney FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	8.00 pm
Sun 25 Sep 05	Adelaide United FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	6.30 pm
Sun 25 Sep 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	5.00 pm
ROUND 6			
Fri 30 Sep 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sat 1 Oct 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	7.35 pm
Sat 1 Oct 05	Perth Glory FC vs Sydney FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.35 pm
Sun 2 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Adelaide United FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	6.00 pm
ROUND 7			
Fri 7 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	8.00 pm
Sat 8 Oct 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs Perth Glory FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	7.35 pm
Sun 9 Oct 05	Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
Mon 10 Oct 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	7.00 pm
ROUND 8			
Fri 14 Oct 05	Adelaide United FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Sydney FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	1.00 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Queensland Roar FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	6.00 pm
Sun 16 Oct 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Perth Glory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	5.00 pm
ROUND 9			
Fri 21 Oct 05	Sydney FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 22 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Adelaide United FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.35 pm
Sun 23 Oct 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
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ROUND 10			
Fri 28 Oct 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Sat 29 Oct 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sat 29 Oct 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Perth Glory FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.35 pm
Sun 30 Oct 05	Sydney FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	5.00 pm
ROUND 11			
Fri 4 Nov 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 4 Nov 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Sat 5 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Sydney FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sun 6 Nov 05	Adelaide United FC vs Perth Glory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
ROUND 12			
Fri 11 Nov 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Fri 11 Nov 05	Perth Glory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sun 13 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Adelaide United FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	3.00 pm
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ROUND 13			
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Sat 19 Nov 05	Sydney FC vs Perth Glory FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 20 Nov 05	Adelaide United FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
Sun 20 Nov 05	Queensland Roar FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	6.00 pm
ROUND 14			
Fri 25 Nov 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Fri 25 Nov 05	Perth Glory FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sat 26 Nov 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sun 27 Nov 05	Adelaide United FC vs Sydney FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	4.30 pm
ROUND 15			
Thu 1 Dec 05	Queensland Roar FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Fri 2 Dec 05	Newcastle Jets FC vs Adelaide United FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Sat 3 Dec 05	Sydney FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 4 Dec 05	Perth Glory FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	5.00 pm
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ROUND 16			
Thu 29 Dec 05	Melbourne Victory FC vs Perth Glory FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	8.00 pm
Fri 30 Dec 05	New Zealand Knights FC vs Sydney FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sat 31 Dec 05	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	6.00 pm
Sun 1 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	6.30 pm
ROUND 17			
Thu 5 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Fri 6 Jan 06	Sydney FC vs Newcastle Jets FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 7 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Sun 8 Jan 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	5.00 pm
ROUND 18			
Thu 12 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Adelaide United FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	7.00 pm
Fri 13 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Sat 14 Jan 06	Sydney FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sun 15 Jan 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	6.00 pm
ROUND 19			
Thu 19 Jan 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Perth Glory FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Fri 20 Jan 06	Adelaide United FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide	7.30 pm
Sat 21 Jan 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Sydney FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Sun 22 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
ROUND 20			
Thu 26 Jan 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Queensland Roar FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	8.00 pm
Fri 27 Jan 06	Central Coast Mariners FC vs Melbourne Victory FC	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford	8.00 pm
Sat 28 Jan 06	New Zealand Knights FC vs Adelaide United FC	North Harbour Stadium, Auckland	8.00 pm
Sun 29 Jan 06	Perth Glory FC vs Sydney FC	Members Equity Stadium, Perth	5.00 pm
ROUND 21			
Fri 3 Feb 06	Sydney FC vs Adelaide United FC	Aussie Stadium, Sydney	8.00 pm
Sat 4 Feb 06	Melbourne Victory FC vs New Zealand Knights FC	Olympic Park, Melbourne	6.00 pm
Sat 4 Feb 06	Queensland Roar FC vs Central Coast Mariners FC	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane	7.00 pm
Sun 5 Feb 06	Newcastle Jets FC vs Perth Glory FC	Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle	5.00 pm
FINALS			
WEEK 1	**SEMI-FINAL 1ST LEG (1 v 2, 3 v 4)**		
Fri 10 Feb 06			
Sun 12 Feb 06			
WEEK 2	**SEMI-FINAL 2ND LEG (1 v 2, 3 v 4)**		
Fri 17 Feb 06			
Sun 19 Feb 06			
WEEK 3	**PRELIMINARY FINAL (LOSER 1 v 2) v (WINNER 3 v 4)**		
Sat 25 Feb 06			
WEEK 4	**GRAND FINAL (WINNER 1 v 2) v (WINNER PRELIMINARY)**		
Sat 4 Mar 06			

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CLUBNEWS

A club-by-club guide to what's happening off the field in the Hyundai A-League.

Newcastle Jets

In order to connect with the people of the Hunter and Newcastle's ardent football fans, the Jets have stepped up their community engagement activities as a means of creating affinity with supporters and marketing season ticket sales and club memberships.

The Jets conducted the first of many promotions last week at Westfield Kotara, and hundreds of kids and parents turned up to see the football stars. Players signed merchandise and helped kids participate in the shoot-for-goal competition.

Jets captain Ned Zelic was joined by top guns Stuart Musialik, Mark Bridge, Nick Carle, Richard Johnson, Matt Thompson, Qantas Socceroo Jade North and Latin favourite Mateo Corbo.

The Jets are also building relationships with the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation and its affiliated clubs. Kids under 12 were paraded in the Jets' Hyundai A-League season opener against Adelaide United, and the same acknowledgement was given to the girls' youth teams prior to the Jets' second home game against Sydney FC last week at EnergyAustralia Stadium.

The boys from the Central Coast Mariners hit the cat walk at Westfield Tuggerah last week.

Central Coast Mariners

The Central Coast Mariners' fashion parade at Westfield Tuggerah was a resounding success, with the likes of Dean Heffernan, Nick Mrdja, Leo Carle and Russell Woodruffe showing a particular liking for the long lens away from the football pitch.

The club launched their Playstation 2 FIFA 2005 Half-Time Challenge on their website (www.ccmariners.com.au) mid-week, giving entrants the chance to play for the highly anticipated Playstation 3 by duelling at half-time throughout the Mariners' Hyundai A-League season.

The Mariners' next home match is against the Melbourne Victory on Friday, September 30, kicking off at 8pm.

New Zealand Knights

The Knights continue to build a fan base in New Zealand but have also gained support around Australia as ex-pats sign on to support the Auckland-based team. A newsletter service is up and running – simply go to www.knightsfc.com to sign up and receive regular news about the club, on and off the pitch.

Naoki Imaya is close to a return from a broken leg suffered earlier this year. The midfielder has been working hard at training. Such is his enthusiasm that he has even had to be held back by the coaching staff on occasion. He will add another dimension to the selection dilemmas facing manager John Adshead.

Sydney FC

Sydney FC would like to thank fans for their continued support and also inform them about public transport options to Aussie Stadium for home matches. Sydney FC fans can take advantage of the CityRail Moore Park Link Ticket, which offers free return bus travel to Aussie Stadium from Central Railway Station for anyone who catches a train to the match from anywhere in the CityRail network.

Alternatively, it is a 15-minute walk from Central Railway Station to Aussie Stadium, slightly longer if stopping off at one of the seven watering holes along the way. For more information contact the transport hotline on 131 500 or online at www.131500.com.au.

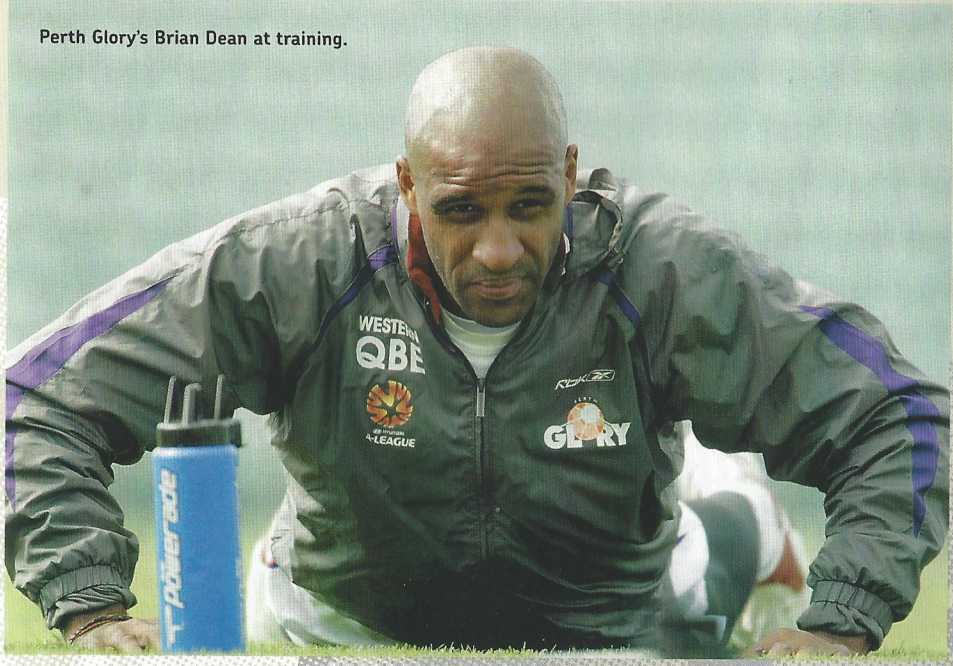
Sydney FC would also like to let fans know that pre-purchasing tickets to Sydney FC matches not only means quicker entry into the game, but that it also saves money. The ticket price structure has been set up so all tickets are slightly cheaper if pre-purchased.

Perth Glory

Perth Glory will be introducing a new initiative at the beginning of next month when the club holds its first open training evening. Gates will open at 4pm on Wednesday, October 5 for the first monthly session, with Steve McMahon's squad training on the Members Equity Stadium pitch from 4.30pm.

Supporters of all ages will be able to meet their favourite players after the training session with an opportunity to collect their autographs. The evening will also see the launch of Peters' Glory Squad, with young members receiving a Glory School Pack containing a poster,

Perth Glory's Brian Dean at training.



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Supporters who visit the Perth Glory Team Store on Saturday will receive a flashing Perth Glory badge with every flag purchased.

Finally, Glory members can claim a fantastic $75 discount to see Luciano Pavarotti on his farewell tour at the end of August. For more details visit www.perthglory.com.au.

QUEENSLAND ROAR FC

Queensland Roar

Queensland Roar has announced a major $150,000 match-day promotion for all Roar home games in the Hyundai A-League season. At every Suncorp Stadium home fixture, one lucky supporter will drive away in a brand new Hyundai Getz.

Fans can enter by text messaging their name to 19 99 ROAR (7627) or by phoning 1900 99 ROAR (7627). They must be in attendance at the stadium on game days to claim their prize.

The Queensland Roar are also proud to announce to all their fans that their brand new merchandise shop is now open for business, located at the Queensland Lions Soccer Club at 133 Pine Road, Richlands. Trading hours are 10am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, and 11am to 5pm on weekends.

The shop stocks home and away playing shirts, caps, scarves, beanies, footballs, t-shirts, polo shirts and plenty of other items to choose from. Everyone is welcome.

Queensland Roar fans show their support.

For further enquires or mail orders, please contact Scot on (07) 3271 2905 or email roar@langerclothing.com.au.

ADELAIDE UNITED F.C.

Adelaide United

Adelaide United FC introduced its brand new mascot, Big Red, at their first home game at Hindmarsh Stadium against Queensland Roar. Big Red will be at every home game this season and will also be making regular appearances around Adelaide.

The newly renovated Stag Hotel on the corner of East Terrace and Rundle Street in the city will be televising the away games live on the big plasma screen. Fans are invited to join the AUFC supporters group, The Gate. Everybody is welcome.

At half-time during the match against Roar, AUFC gave away the first of many Hyundai Accent cars – red, of course. One lucky

Above: Adelaide United's Lucas Pantelis and Ross Aloisi with a Hyundai Tiburon.
Below: Melbourne Victory's Geoffrey Claeys and Richard Kitzbichler meet their fans.

supporter, Claude Bortoluzzi, drove home the first Hyundai Accent. On Sunday, September 25, another lucky supporter will drive home a brand new car.

Membership kits are still available for members who haven't collected theirs as yet and can be collected from the official club store at Port Road Sports, 142 Port Road, Hindmarsh.

Melbourne Victory

Melbourne Victory's international stars rubbed shoulders with fans this week and got a taste of Melbourne pub life at the same time.

Former Belgian international Geoffrey Claeys and former Austrian international Richard Kitzbichler visited the Union supporters club at the Charles Dickens Tavern, and were presented with scarves and honorary membership of the group.

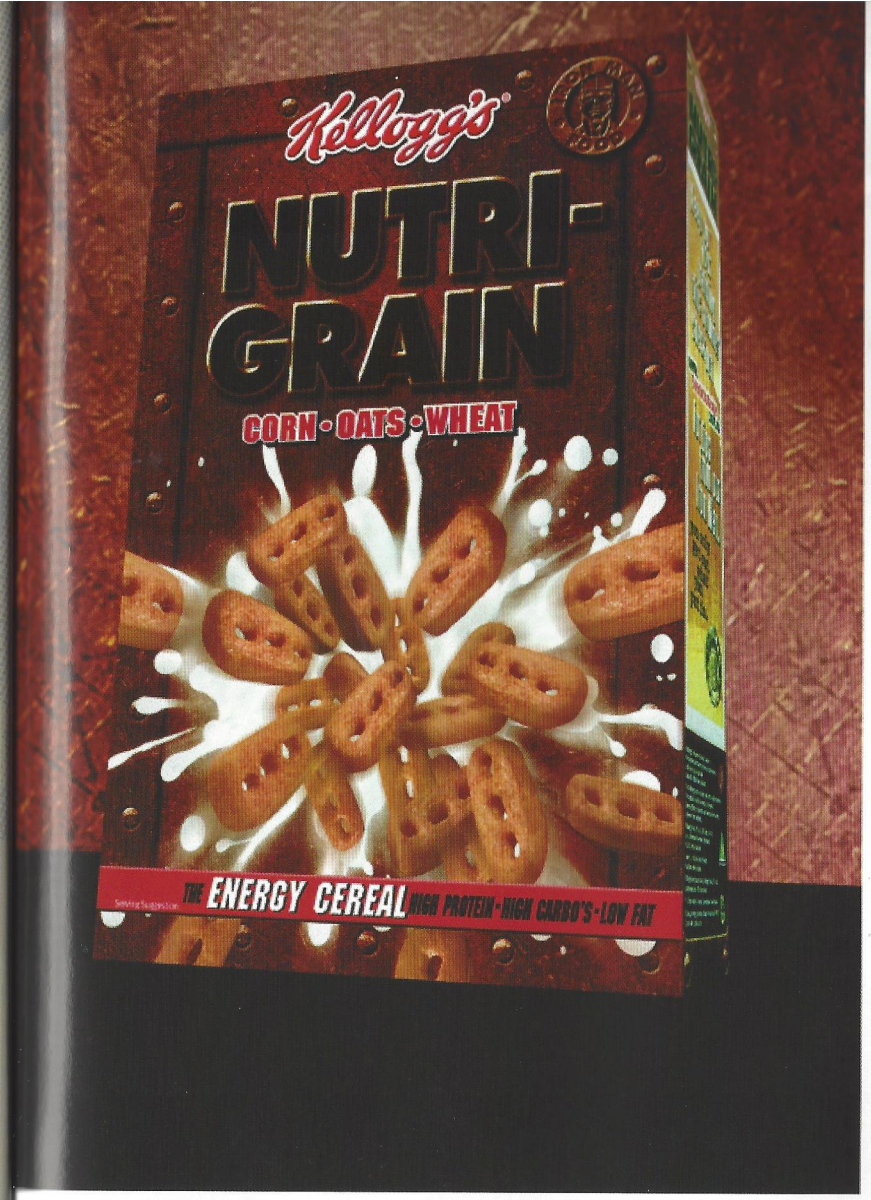
Geoffrey Claeys spoke to the fans, and emphasised how important vocal supporters are to the team.

"It gives us a boost and encourages us to perform better when there is a large and loud crowd," he said.

Richard Kitzbichler delighted the fans, fresh from his exploits against Perth Glory.

"It was very good scoring the first-ever Melbourne Victory goal in a home game," Richard said.

The players signed autographs, posed with fans for photographs and were happy to chat with the punters.



NEW ZEALAND KNIGHTS FOOTBALL CLUB

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Kelloggs is proud to be the Official Breakfast Supplier to the New Zealand Knights Football Club. This partnership includes naming rights of the Nutri-Grain Allstar Cheerleaders who will perform pre-match and at half time at North Harbour Stadium. Children attending the Knights matches will also be able to take part in the Coco Pops Cheerleader Dance Classes. Kellogg's has a philosophy of encouraging men, women, boys and girls to be active as well as eating a balanced diet. By supporting the New Zealand Knights, Kellogg's aims to help inspire young football players to follow their dreams and achieve all of their goals - as many of the New Zealand Knights are currently doing.

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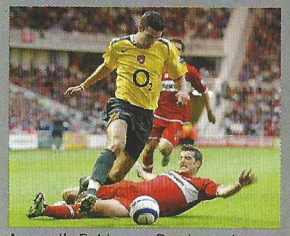
England Premier League

Saturday, September 10
Birmingham City 0 **Charlton Athletic 1**
Chelsea 2 Sunderland 0
Everton 0 **Portsmouth 1**
Manchester United 1 Manchester City 1
Middlesbrough 2 Arsenal 1
Newcastle United 1 Fulham 1
Tottenham Hotspur 0 Liverpool 0
West Bromwich Albion 1 **Wigan Athletic 2**

Sunday, September 11
Bolton 0 Blackburn 0



Arsenal's Robin van Persie against Middlesbrough.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	5	5	0	0	10	0	15
Charlton Athletic	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
Manchester City	5	3	2	0	7	4	11
Manchester United	4	3	1	0	6	1	10
Tottenham Hotspur	5	2	2	1	4	2	8
Bolton Wanderers	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Middlesbrough	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Arsenal	4	2	0	2	7	4	6
Wigan Athletic	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
Liverpool	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
Aston Villa	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Fulham	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
West Ham United	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Blackburn Rovers	4	1	1	2	3	5	4
Portsmouth	5	1	1	3	4	7	4
Birmingham City	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
West Bromwich Albion	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Everton	4	1	0	3	1	4	3
Newcastle United	5	0	2	3	1	7	2
Sunderland	5	0	0	5	2	9	0

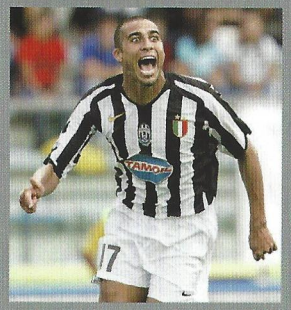
Scotland Premier League

Sunday, September 10
Celtic 2 Aberdeen 0
Falkirk 1 Rangers 1
Hibernian 2 Dundee United 1
Inverness Caledonian Thistle 1
Motherwell 2
Kilmarnock 3 Dunfermline Athletic 2

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	6	6	0	0	19	4	18
Celtic	6	4	1	1	16	8	13
Kilmarnock	6	4	1	1	16	10	13
Hibernian	6	4	1	1	11	6	13
Rangers	6	3	1	2	10	8	10
Inverness Cal Thistle	6	2	2	2	7	6	8
Aberdeen	6	2	1	3	8	9	7
Motherwell	6	2	1	3	13	16	7
Dundee United	6	1	2	3	8	13	5
Falkirk	6	1	1	4	4	11	4
Dunfermline Athletic	6	0	2	4	4	11	2
Livingston	6	0	1	5	2	16	1

Italy Serie A

Sunday, September 11
AS Roma 0 **Udinese 1**
Cagliari 1 Lazio 1
Chievo Verona 1 Parma 0
Empoli 0 **Juventus 4**
Lecce 0 Ascoli 0
Messina 2 Fiorentina 2
Sampdoria 3 Reggina 2
Treviso 0 **Livorno 1**
AC Milan 3 Siena 1
Palermo 3 Inter Milan 2



David Trezeguet from Juventus scores against Empoli.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Livorno	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Udinese	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
AC Milan	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Fiorentina	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Palermo	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Lazio	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Inter Milan	2	1	0	1	5	3	3
AS Roma	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
Sampdoria	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Chievo Verona	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Siena	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Ascoli	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Cagliari	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Messina	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Lecce	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Parma	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Reggina	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
Treviso	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Empoli	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Argentina Primera División

Saturday, September 9
Estudiantes 2 Quilmes 0

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
San Lorenzo de Almagro (BA)	6	4	2	0	13	6	14
Argentinos Juniors	5	3	2	0	5	2	11
Velez Sarsfield	6	3	1	2	11	5	10
Racing Club	5	3	1	1	8	3	10
River Plate	5	3	1	1	8	7	10
Banfield	5	2	3	0	7	3	9
Quilmes	6	2	3	1	9	7	9
Rosario Central	6	2	3	1	10	9	9
Boca Juniors	5	2	2	1	12	7	8
Independiente	5	2	2	1	9	7	8
Estudiantes	6	2	1	3	5	6	7
Gimnasia-La Plata	5	2	1	2	5	8	7
Lanus	6	1	3	2	7	12	6
Newell's Old Boys	5	1	2	2	6	8	5
Arsenal	5	1	2	2	5	7	5
Olimpo	5	0	4	1	3	4	4
Gimnasia y Esgrima Jujuy	5	1	1	3	6	9	4
Instituto	6	0	4	2	1	7	4
Colon	5	1	0	4	8	13	3
Tiro Federal	6	0	0	6	4	12	0

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Spain Primera Liga

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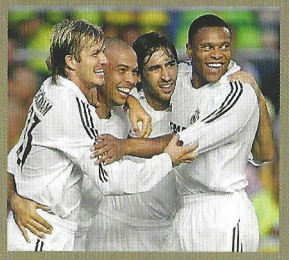
Barcelona 2 Real Mallorca 0
Getafe 1 Athletic Bilbao 1
Malaga 1 **Espanyol 2**
Racing Santander 0 **Cadiz 1**
Real Sociedad 2 Alaves 1
Real Zaragoza 2 Valencia 2
Villarreal 1 Sevilla 1
Deportivo Coruna 1 Atletico Madrid 0
Real Betis 1 Osasuna 0
Real Madrid 2 **Celta Vigo 3**



Real Madrid celebrate a goal.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celta Vigo	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Deportivo Coruna	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Athletic Bilbao	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Getafe	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Barcelona	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Valencia	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Sevilla	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Real Madrid	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Osasuna	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cadiz	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Real Betis	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Espanyol	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Real Sociedad	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Real Zaragoza	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Villarreal	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Alaves	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Atletico Madrid	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Racing Santander	2	0	0	2	0	2	0
Malaga	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Real Mallorca	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

Germany Bundesliga

Saturday, September 10
Kaiserslautern 1 **Werder Bremen 5**
Nuremberg 1 **Bayern Munich 2**
Bayer Leverkusen 1 **Schalke 04 1**
Borussia Moenchengladbach 2 MSV Duisburg 1
Mainz 1 **Hamburg SV 3**
Hanover 96 2 Eintracht Frankfurt 0
VfB Stuttgart 1 Arminia Bielefeld 1

Bayer Leverkusen's Dimitar Berbatov after scoring a goal against Schalke 04.

Standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	4	4	0	0	13	3	12
Werder Bremen	4	3	1	0	13	4	10
Hamburg SV	4	3	1	0	9	2	10
Schalke 04	4	2	2	0	6	4	8
Hanover 96	4	1	3	0	6	4	6
Cologne	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Kaiserslautern	4	2	0	2	10	12	6
VfL Wolfsburg	3	1	2	0	5	4	5
Borussia Moenchengladbach	4	1	2	1	4	6	5
Bayer Leverkusen	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
Hertha Berlin	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Arminia Bielefeld	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
VfB Stuttgart	4	0	3	1	5	6	3
Eintracht Frankfurt	4	1	0	3	2	8	3
Borussia Dortmund	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
MSV Duisburg	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Nuremberg	4	0	1	3	2	7	1
Mainz	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

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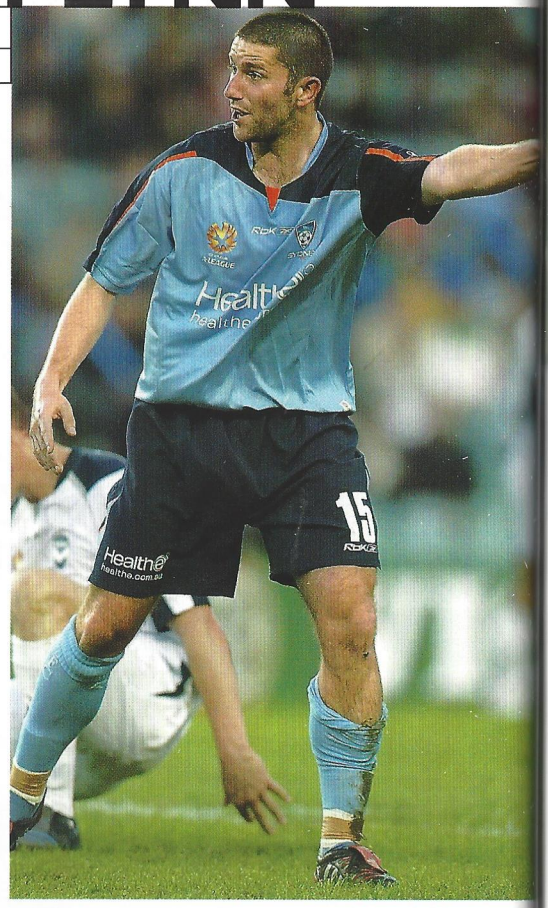
CLUB: Sydney FC **POSITION:** Midfielder

Sydney's fully imported midfield engine, Terry McFlynn, tells Total Football's **Marlo Dangerfield** about the challenges he had playing football while growing up in Northern Ireland.



What do you miss about your homeland, Northern Ireland?
The only thing I miss is my family. I moved away when I was 16 and the troubles were still happening, so it was good to get out.

I hear they don't play football in the town you come from.
I grew up in a small village in Derry where they only played Gaelic football and hurling. I stopped playing those and took up football. I got a bit of stick for that. The people in my village didn't like me playing football.

What do they have against football?
In Northern Ireland, it is a political thing that dates back centuries. Gaelic and hurling are seen as the sports for Catholics. The older generation say football is a Protestant sport, so if you play it, you're going against your religion.

Some of your teammates say they can't understand you. Is that true?
Yeah, but it's not a bad thing. I can say things quickly and get away with it.

What have you got away with?
The odd swearword or name call and the boys don't catch on. I room with Dave Carney who's from Liverpool and they have trouble understanding him, too. We understand each other perfectly, so we can have our own laugh at the boys.

Tell us some Northern Irish slang.
"Top of the morning to you." If something is good you can say "dead on" or "sound".

On the field you play box-to-box, so you need to be fit. What's your dietary secret?
Lots of carbohydrates – rice, pasta and potatoes.

Potatoes - you're familiar with them?
Yes, they're a must everyday for me. My mum would cook potatoes everyday.

Good talking to you
Thanks for that.

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